MINUTES
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
Lake Springfield Boathouse, 2312 Lake Springfield Park Road, Springfield, Missouri
July 12, 2024

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Randy Blackwood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Randy Blackwood, Leslie Carrier, Don Chenevert, Jr., Curtis Jared, Mark McNay (via Teams), Dr. Dianna Parker, Royce Reding, Susie Turner

ABSENT: Cody Danastasio

PARK BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Jon Carney, Tim Carpenter, Matt Coats, Jenny Edwards (via Teams), Jim Fisher, Ben Kellner, Tim McCrea, Karen Mellinger, Anne-Mary McGrath, Jerry Mitchell, Miles Park, Kim Reser, Ron Schneider, Jeff Smith, Jackson Thompson, Lana Woolsey

GUESTS: Chris Coulter, Dale Moore, Derek Matson, Marketing Strategy Manager with Brightspeed Broadband, Christina Hammers

II. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mark McNay, Secretary, presented and made a motion to approve the June 14, 2024, Park Board Minutes; seconded by Dr. Diana Parker. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

Park Board Chair Report and Comments This was Mr. Blackwood's last meeting as Chair of the Park Board. He thanked everyone for his opportunity to serve, and he appreciated the work of everyone who was part of the park system. Additionally, Mr. Blackwood welcomed Mr. Ron Schneider, the new Director of Parks, who is attending his first Park Board meeting.

Ms. Susie Turner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, made a motion and read a Resolution in honor of Mr. Jim Fisher, who served as the Interim Director of Parks, for the last six months, seconded by Ms. Leslie Carrier. The Resolution was in recognition and profound appreciation of the distinguished leadership of Mr. Fisher. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Community Foundation of the Ozarks Grant Approval** Mr. Matt Coats, Superintendent of Special Facilities, stated that recently a survey was conducted by the City of Springfield's Environmental Services called Water Access Outreach Project, with the goal of using non-traditional methods of outreach to better understand citizens' relationship to water and the barriers they experience. This survey identified specific populations as the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, and to address and mitigate these issues, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks has offered a $10,000 grant available to the Park Board for the purchase of materials, watercraft, and personal floatation devices necessary for the implementation of the initial "Journey on the James" environmental and water quality program. Parks' Special Facilities and Outdoor Initiatives staff have developed a project to provide up to 45 young adults within the identified populations for first-time paddling experiences on the James River. Participants will also learn about the Springfield's local water supply, water quality, and conservation activities as part of this program. Mr. Don Chenevert, Jr. made a motion that the Park Board approve the Resolution presented to the Board today, which authorizes the application for and acceptance of the $10,000 grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to be used for purchasing materials, watercraft, and personal floatation devices for implementation of Parks "Journey on the James River" program; seconded by Dr. Diana Parker. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. **Senior Age Missouri Group at Northview Center Donation** Assistant City Attorney, Ms. Lana Woolsey, stated that the Park Board has an opportunity to receive a donation of various televisions and associated equipment and labor for installation for use at the Park Board's Northview Center from a group of individuals knows as the Senior Age Missouri Group. This group is actively involved at the Northview Center and has generously offered to make this donation for the benefit of this group and other users of our Center. Mr. Royce Reding made a motion that the Park Board accept the Senior Age Missouri Group's donation of televisions, associated equipment, and the cost of labor for installation at Park Board's Northview Center, valued at approximately $11,316, as set out in the Resolution presented to the Board today; seconded by Mr. Curtis Jared. The motion passed unanimously.

c. **Jordan Valley Ice Park Naming License** Assistant City Attorney, Ms. Lana Woolsey presented information regarding a potential 10-year agreement, with two possible five-year extensions for the potential licensing of the naming rights for the Jordan Valley Ice Park. Brightspeed Broadband, LLC, is agreeing to pay Parks $150,000 per year for 10 years, for a total potential payment of $1.5 million dollars over the ten-year period. The agreement also includes Brightspeed reimbursing the Park Board for the initial costs of the new signage for the ice park building. Park's staff will work with Brightspeed staff to develop a mutually approved, co-branded name and/or logo for placement on the outside of the ice park facility and to be incorporated in the two sheets of ice within the ice park. Ms. Woolsey stated that if approved by the Park Board, this proposal will be presented to City Council for acknowledgement of the agreement and to obtain necessary budget adjustments to the Park Board's 2024-2025 Budget. Ms. Leslie Carrier made a motion that the Park Board approve the resolution presented to the Board today, approving and authorizing entering into a License Agreement with Brightspeed Broadband, LLC, for the temporary naming of the Jordan Valley Ice Park and to seek the necessary budget adjustments from City Council; seconded by Mr. Mark McNay. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. **Director of Parks Report** Mr. Ron Schneider, Director of Parks, thanked the Park Board members and staff for the professional and kind welcome. Mr. Schneider provided a condensed version of highlights and updates from the Administrative Team reports, mentioning the following: a brief update on the Cooper Complex project work; the Golf Division concluded the FY 2023-2024 with a new record of $5,000,000 in revenue, and totaling more than 10,000 rounds of golf; Park Operations crews continue to complete small construction projects; Parks recently received ten used vehicles from Public Works to add to our fleet of trucks; the Recreation Division is in full swing of summer activities, including the Ozarks Pickleball Club tournament with 457 participants, from 12 states, ages 8 to 89 years old, on June 21-23, at Cooper Tennis Complex; and the Dickerson Park Zoo recently received a donated passenger van from the Musgrave Foundation. Mr. Schneider thanked our outgoing Park Board Members, Ann Compton, and Randy Blackwood, and presented Randy with a plaque for his six years of service as a Park Board Member. Ms. Compton was not present at today's meeting, but we will make sure she receives her service plaque. Ms. Susie Turner stated her appreciation to Randy Blackwood for his guidance the last two years, especially during the recent Director search process. Mr. Schneider also mentioned that Mr. Mark McNay and Ms. Susie Turner have been reappointed to a second three-year term. Dr. Dale Moore, new City representative, and Mr. Cody Danastasio, new County representative, will attend the August meeting. Mr. Schneider stated that he looked forward to working with everyone on the Board.

e. **<u>Election and Rotation of Board Officers for 2024-2025</u>** Mr. Royce Reding made a motion that the election of Board Officers for 2024-2025 be made by voice vote instead of a written ballot; seconded by Dr. Diana Parker. The motion passed unanimously.

For Chair, Board Members were asked to respond with their choice of Curtis Jared or Susie Turner:

Randy Blackwood	Susie Turner
Leslie Carrier	Susie Turner
Don Chenevert, Jr.	Curtis Jared
Cody Danastasio	not present
Curtis Jared	Curtis Jared
Mark McNay	Curtis Jared
Dr. Diana Parker	Curtis Jared
Royce Reding	Curtis Jared
Susie Turner	Curtis Jared

With 6 votes for Curtis Jared, and 2 for Susie Turner, Curtis Jared was elected Chair for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

For Vice-Chair, after being elected as Chair, Curtis Jared withdrew his name from consideration for the Vice Chair position. Board Members were asked to respond with their vote for Susie Turner for the Vice-Chair position:

Randy Blackwood	Susie Turner
Leslie Carrier	Susie Turner
Don Chenevert, Jr.	Susie Turner
Cody Danastasio	not present
Curtis Jared	Susie Turner
Mark McNay	Susie Turner
Dr. Diana Parker	Susie Turner
Royce Reding	Susie Turner
Susie Turner	Susie Turner

With 8 votes, Susie Turner was unanimously elected to the Vice-Chair position for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

For Secretary, Mark McNay was the only nominee and the Board Members were asked to respond with their vote for Mark McNay for the Secretary position:

Randy Blackwood	Mark McNay
Leslie Carrier	Mark McNay
Don Chenevert, Jr.	Mark McNay
Cody Danastasio	not present
Curtis Jared	Mark McNay
Mark McNay	Mark McNay
Dr. Diana Parker	Mark McNay
Royce Reding	Mark McNay
Susie Turner	Mark McNay

With 8 votes, Mark McNay was unanimously elected to the Secretary position for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

V. <u>CALENDAR</u>

a. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2024, at the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic, Springfield, Missouri.

VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Don Chenevert, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the open session and proceed to Closed Session after a short break; seconded by Mr. Royce Reding. The motion passed unanimously. The open session meeting ended at 9:11 a.m.