

**Minutes of a Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
December 11, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

George Deibert – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Dennis Dovel
Kathy Richardson – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Justin Stuart
Brandon Jackley – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Mary Herrington
Keith Hannaman – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Matt Asikainen
Maureen Johnson – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Jayla Coleman
Megan Johnson – Present	City Council Liaison:	Ron Fowler – Present
Dena Duhon – Absent		
Richard Mitchem – Absent		

A motion was made by George Deibert and seconded by Megan Johnson to accept the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Visitors/Correspondence: Dennis introduced Jayla Coleman and explained her new role with the parks department as Customer Relations Representative. Within this role, she will serve as the Park Commission Liaison.

Program/Activity Spotlight: Dennis presented on the Citizens Survey that was distributed to residents of Blue Springs this past Spring. Dennis highlighted the questions pertaining to the parks, recreation programs, and parks and recreation facilities. Overall, our ratings were very positive. However, some negative feedback we received regarding various programs and parks. Dennis explained that the data was collected before the park renovations during the summer of 2018. Additionally, many of the programs that the survey participants were referring to could have been associated with the Youth Sports Associations.

Finances: Financials were reviewed by Dennis. The department is well within the budget.

Staff Reports: Staff reviewed their reports

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman’s Report: None

City Council Liaison Report: Council Liaison Fowler spoke about the time capsule, which was found during construction at City Hall. The original will be reburied, along with a new one from 2018, when the City Hall renovation is complete. Council Liaison Fowler requested that the parks department contribute to the new time capsule.

Old Business: Dennis reviewed the status of the current park sales tax progress. He explained that the demolition at Burrus Old Mill Park is approximately 95% complete. Due to the weather, demolition and construction has slowed. The border or outline of the Splash Pad is complete and grading for the new playground and other features is continuing. We are still on target for a Memorial Day completion; but, if the weather continues as it is, the grand opening could be later.

New Business: None

Miscellaneous: The next Park Sales Tax Sub-Committee meeting has been postponed to January.

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Brandon Jackley and seconded by Kathy Richardson.

Keith Hannaman, Chairman