

**Minutes of a Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
January 8, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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 – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Matt Asikainen
Maureen Johnson – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Randy Cooper
Megan Johnson – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Jayla Coleman
Dena Duhon – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Nichole Cogbill
Richard Mitchem – Absent	City Council Liaison:	Ron Fowler -- Present

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

Visitors/Correspondence: None

Program/Activity Spotlight: Nichole Cogbill presented on several events that took place this past Fall. Nichole highlighted Spooky Springs and Brunch with Santa, both of which are annual events that the department hosts. As these events are reoccurring, staff worked hard to create new components for the events to attract new people and keep people coming back. Although Spooky Springs was cancelled the previous year due to weather, the turnout this year was over 400 people, exceeding our expectations. Nichole also highlighted upcoming Spring events that include Cosmic Bingo and Movie on the Turf, which had great turnout. Nichole also highlighted upcoming spring events Daddy/Daughter Dance, Indoor Snowball Hunt, and Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt.

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. It will be buried this Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 11am.

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 construction has slowed. Concrete was poured but fixtures are not in yet for the Splash Pad. The main focus right now is on the mechanical room for the pump house and bathrooms. Equipment has been ordered for the Skate Park and is on track to be complete with the rest of the park. 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 will be Thursday, January 31, 2019.

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

Keith Hannaman, Chairman