

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2018

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON JULY 24, 2018

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held June 26, 2018 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1800 hours.

Roll call was taken with nine board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Scott Smith; Christy Marker – Secretary; Sherri Branson-Hurt – Treasurer; Patrick Halfhill; Don Ledford; Susan McAuliffe; Jake Simmons; Zac Wilkins

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Chad Clevenger – Parks Superintendent; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant

VISITOR: Kimberely Blackburn, Managing Editor, Excelsior Springs Standard

Kimberely Blackburn, Managing Editor, Excelsior Springs Standard, was introduced.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Don Ledford seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Don Ledford made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Financial Report was discussed. After questions were asked and answered, Christy Marker made the motion to accept the Financial Report dated May 31, 2018 and prepared June 6, 2018 as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0.

A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Election of Officers was held. Officers elected for 2018-2019 are: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Jake Simmons; Secretary – Zac Wilkins; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt

The Board paused the meeting to take a “2018-19 Board Member” picture.

STAFF REPORT

Youth Fishing Day was good! Lots of different kinds and sizes of fish were caught and released. The weather cooperated also. Warm but not hot!

Art in the Park is going very well! And the volunteer instructor is doing a great job!

Story Time in the park is going well.

Passports for July’s Parks and Rec Month for the youth are out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Patrick Halfhill and Reggie St. John of the Revenue Committee met with Nate Williams and Chad Clevenger on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. This was used as a brainstorming session. Nate has a report in the board packet.

The Revenue, Parks and Recreation Committee members were discussed. Revenue – Scott Smith, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons; Parks – Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Don Ledford; Recreation – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Wilkins, Scott Smith. Reggie St. John, as Parks and Rec Board President, will serve as an ex-officio member to all three committees.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board priorities were discussed in the Revenue Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Utility Vehicle bids. A board member threw out an idea of a slightly used utility vehicle with attachments. Discussion continued regarding warranties, etc.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to give Nate Williams, Director, the discretion to purchase a utility vehicle and to spend up to \$12,200. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0 – 1. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0 Abstained – Jake Simmons – because his mother and stepfather owns the used utility vehicle.

Black vinyl clad chain link fencing for the dog park was discussed. Four bids were received. Price ranges from \$15,783 to \$23,326. Some follow up questions need to be asked. The Department will be installing the fence.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to let Nate Williams, after getting the questions answered by Amerifence i.e. delivery price and larger corner posts, make the decision to buy from Rhodes or Amerifence. Jake Simmons seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The activities for the Passports for July's Parks and Rec Month were discussed. The Department will also have spring up activities at various events through the month and some of those might be double stamps, etc.

Family Yoga in the Park was discussed. It is scheduled for July 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Century Park.

Christy Marker made the motion adjourn the meeting. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion. Motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 1922 hours.