

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2018

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MARCH 27, 2018

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Board meeting held March 6, 2018 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1802 hours.

Roll call was taken with five board members present. Susan McAuliffe arrived at 1806 hours. Don Ledford arrived at 18011 hours. Christy Marker arrived at 1817 hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Sherri Branson-Hurt, Treasurer; Patrick Halfhill; Lynette Manley; Jake Simmons
Susan McAuliffe arrived at 1806 hours. Don Ledford arrived at 1811 hours. Christy Marker arrived at 1817 hours.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Smith

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

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

VISITORS: none

The February 20, 2018 Parks and Recreation Board meeting was cancelled due to weather with no intention of rescheduling. A couple of issues came up that needed to be acted on so the March 6, 2018 meeting was scheduled with the issues being added to the February 20, 2018 agenda.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sherry Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Lynette Manley, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Jake Simmons seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Lynette Manley, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

The Financial Report was discussed. Nate Williams asked the Board if the financial information included in the packet was what they wanted. Consensus of the board was that the information was satisfactory.

Susan McAuliffe arrived at 1806 hours.

Don Ledford arrived at 1811 hours.

After questions were asked and answered about the Financial Report, Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the Financial Report dated January 31, 2018 and prepared February 8, 2018. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Lynette Manley, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The Senior Center congregate meal numbers are coming back up!

Nate Williams is working on a RFP for the Senior Center. There are new regulations and requirements for the 2018 Fiscal Year for the MARC senior centers.

Christy Marker arrived at 1817 hours.

Graffiti has been painted over at Outlook Park. The East Valley Shelter is under reconstruction and the playground area at Century Park is waiting on blocks.

Soccer numbers are up from last year. Youth softball/baseball forms are available.

A Pickleball league is being offered. Also being offered is adult softball and volleyball leagues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Century Park: The houses are waiting for Public Works to demolish them. Asbestos has been abated. The storage shed has been moved to the shop and the carport has been dismantled and stored at Sunnyside. MediaCom has been contacted to remove their sagging cable that runs along the property line of Century Park and the cemetery. The pile of dirt is from the playground area at Century Park. Hopefully it can be used for fill for the basements. A permit was asked for and granted from MoDot to trim brush along the right of way at the east edge of the property.

NEW BUSINESS

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Splash Park has been mailed. Two additional documents have been mailed also.

Kim Sanson, on behalf of the Parks and Rec Foundation talked with Brian Kennedy of the Rainbow Swim Club and secured a letter of intent to donate the Rainbow Swim Club to the City for the splash park, upon approval and awarding of the LWCF grant for the Splash Park. There would be some smaller issues to work out.

Nate Williams talked with vendors at the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Conference about musical equipment along Rainbow Trail.

Nate Williams made fliers for the splash park to be included in The Piccadilly's swag bags.

Nate Williams is looking into solar lights for the trails.

A local businessman approached Nate about the concession stand at Piburn Field and the possibility of a portable concession stand. He wants to expand his current operation. Nate explained to him that there would have to be a Request for Proposal (RFP) written and advertised for concessions for the Parks and Recreation activities. It has been written and the deadline is March 12. Youth soccer and volleyball start on March 24.

Irish Fest is scheduled for March 17 in downtown Excelsior Springs. There has been only one team sign up for the 3V3 Basketball Tournament.

The Easter Egg Hunt is March 31 at the High School ballfields. Talented Tots has partnered with the Department again this year for the event.

Earth Day is April 22 and April 21 is the Downtown Excelsior Springs Cleanup Day in conjunction with the stream cleanup. Groups are already volunteering for this project. The Rotary Club and the City of Excelsior Springs is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation at Camp Doniphan from 2 to 6 that day.

The Piccadilly "Be Our Guest" is April 7. Servers are still needed.

The Agreement between the Excelsior Springs School District and the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department was introduced by Nate Williams. There is no change. Practices are \$5 per hour, games are \$10 per hour and \$10,000 annually for maintenance.

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the Facility Usage Agreement with the Excelsior Springs School District. Don Ledford seconded the motion. Reggie St. John asked for a roll call vote to be taken. Motion passed, 8 - 0. Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-

