

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
JANUARY 23, 2024**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held December 19, 2023 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by Vice President Patrick Halfhill at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President - Patrick Halfhill; Scott Buckman; Mark Bullimore; Jessica Meyer; Kyle Uptegrove; Zac Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Terri Irons, Jake Simmons

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John arrived at 6:25

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Drake Pollard – Assistant Director; Chad Clevenger – Manager - Parks and Open Space; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant; Alexandria Arnold – Marketing & Community Outreach

VISITOR: Sharon Donat, The Excelsior Standard

Zac Wilkins made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Bullimore seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hand vote was taken: Ayes – 6 Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Sharon Donat, Excelsior Springs Standard, introduced herself.

Mark Bulimore made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the December 19, 2023 FY 23/24 Financial Reports. Questions were asked and answered.

Zac Wilkins made the motion to accept the December 19, 2023 Financial Reports including Balance Sheet dated 12/13/2023 for Accounting Period 2/2024, page 1; Detail Budget Report by Category dated 12/13/2023 for Accounting Period 2/2024, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 12/13/2023 for Accounting Period 2/2024, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2023-2024 Working Budget through 12/11/2023 as presented.

Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The Maintenance Crew was able to recycle rocks from the circle drive at the Community Center for the Butterfly Haven at Milwaukee Park.

The new truck is doing well.

Alexis Blankenship was unable to attend the Board Meeting because the Youth Basketball Coaches meeting is now. There are 150 youth signed up for youth basketball. Games will start January 20, 2024. There are 15 teams plus 22 youth in Tigers N Training.

Drake Pollard has 32 enrolled in FEAT Performance. There are also college athletes attending FEAT. Also looking at hiring a coach after the first of the year.

Nate Williams attended the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association's Legislative Workshop in Jefferson City on December 7 and will be attending the Legislative Action Day on January 23, 2024.

Councilman Reggie St. John arrived at 6:25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nate Williams gave a recap of the Parks Committee meeting held on November 28, 2023. Nate has started reaching out to play structure companies.

The Recreation Committee met tonight at 5 pm before the Board meeting. The Recreation Committee consists of Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, and Kyle Uptegrove. Current programs, trends, e-sports, and area town youth sports were discussed.

Jake Simmons, as President, serves as an ex-officio member of all committees.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mower bids were discussed. Three companies submitted bids. Discussion continued.

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to accept the bid from Heritage Tractor, Smithville, MO for 4 John Deere Z950M mowers with 72” decks for \$52,600.00 with trade in of three mowers for \$36,750.00 for a total cost of \$15,850.00.

Mark Bullimore seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mower purchase will go before the City Council for approval at the January 2, 2024 Council meeting.

A Resolution supporting the US Bike Route 51 will go before the City Council on January 2, 2024. US Bike Route 51 starts in the Fayetteville, Arkansas area and heads north including Excelsior Springs and surrounding areas then continues to Lamoni, Iowa. Eventually this route will run from the southern US border to the northern US border.

There is the potential that three more bike routes would include Excelsior Springs.

The Candy Cane Hunt, held December 9, 2023, was cold and windy but went well! Two young men assisted Zac Wilkins with candy cane cleanup and were thrilled to find more candy canes!

Reggie St. John mentioned that the Senior Center was averaging 61 daily participants with the reservations for the Christmas dinner full. The Wii Bowling team will be sending players to Nationals to play virtually.

Jessica Meyer made the motion to adjourn the December 19, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed 6 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Vice President Patrick Halfhill adjourned the December 19, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 6:52 p.m.