

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 27, 2018

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON DEC 18, 2018

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held November 27, 2018 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1802 hours.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Secretary – Zac Wilkins; Treasurer - Sherri Branson-Hurt; Susan McAuliffe; Jake Simmons
Scott Smith arrived at 1832 hours. Don Ledford arrived at 1845 hours.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

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

VISITOR: Kimberely Blackburn, Excelsior Springs Standard

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken:
Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John,
Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Financial Report was discussed. Various questions were asked and answered.

Nate Williams distributed and discussed a Program Summary Sheet. Discussion was held.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the Financial Report and FY 2018-2019 Budget Report dated October 31, 2018 and prepared November 6, 2018 as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORT

Reggie St. John asked who Karl Foerster is and what kind of grass does he have? Chad Clevenger replied that Karl Foerster is an ornamental, accent grass that grows tall.

Zac Wilkins wanted to know how the high school students were on mulching. Chad Clevenger replied that they were good help. Snowy and cold that day but they were good help.

When asked about the Maintenance Conference that was attended by Chad Clevenger, Scott Sapp and Jeff Anderson, Chad Clevenger said that overall it was a good one day conference with various subjects discussed. You were able to ask questions of the presenters and talk with other maintenance personnel.

Nate Williams announced that Kendra Beaver was the recipient of a \$200 scholarship from the Kansas City Metro Parks and Recreation Director's Association to be used for her to attend the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association 2019 Conference. The Kansas Directors chose the recipient of the Missouri scholarship.

Nate and Kendra will be attending the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association's Legislative Workshop in Jefferson City on December 6, 2018.

Zac Wilkins asked how the closing of the Senior Center due to the weather affected the seniors. Since the MARC office closed the Center, it was to keep the seniors safe and out of the weather and also kept the food waste down.

Flo Fee, a past volunteer for the Senior Center, fell last week and is in St. Luke's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

Nate Williams will be ordering and posting a banner announcing that the dog park will be opening in the spring of 2019.

Nate Williams shared some information from the Barks and Rec (Parks and Rec) Magazine regarding dog parks.

Scott Smith arrived at 1832 hours.

Zac Wilkins suggested that a dog park in the downtown/east side of town could be put on the future wants list. There are quite a few dogs in that area.

Chad Clevenger told the Board that there are two fire hydrants and two trash cans to be installed at the dog park. Finish dirtwork, seeding and strawing will be done in the spring.

Chad shared that the cost of the dog park should be right at \$35,908.25. That figure includes the reimbursement from the Parks and Rec Foundation for the tubing and the DNR Grant for the four benches.

Chad read a letter that was found last week tied to a pole at the dog park. This person thanked the Parks and Rec Department and Parks Crew for such a good job on this park and throughout the town at the other parks. This person also picked up trash that they had found at the dog park.

Thanks for the note and for picking up the trash!

There is a new LED street light at the dog park.

Chad noted that while working at the dog park, there are usually one to two cars that come in and ask about the dog park.

NEW BUSINESS – none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams passed along thanks to Chad Clevenger and his crew from the staff at City Hall for a great job of cleaning off the sidewalks, steps and landing at the Hall of Waters. Nate also thanked Chad and his crew for a job well done on the trails and steps in the parks. Chad has a great crew!

The December board meeting will be held on December 18 because the fourth Tuesday is Christmas.

Saturday, December 1, is the Candy Cane Hunt. It will start at 11 am. Candy canes will be spread starting at approximately 10 am. Santa will be there to talk to the kids. Thanks to the Christmas Ranch Tree Farm for the use of the Christmas trees as a backdrop.

Don Ledford arrived at 1845 hours.

Kendra Beaver has been working with William Jewell College to get a Parks and Rec Youth Basketball night. On January 5, 2019 our Parks and Rec youth basketball players and players from surrounding towns, will wear their basketball shirts to get into the William Jewell basketball game for free! There will also be a meet and greet for the players and youth. Parents will have to pay to get in but what a great time for the kids! Thanks Kendra!

Nate asked the Board what they thought about the new agenda format. Positive replies!

Asking for his son, Don Ledford asked about a gaming tournament. Nate responded that Kendra has been working on one. Nate and Kendra had a Young Professionals Network conference call on gaming and all agreed that the violence needs to stay out of a Parks and Rec run gaming tournament.

At 1854 hours, Don Ledford made the motion to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (3) Personnel. Jake Simmons seconded the motion, motion passed 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

At 1948 hours, Susan McAuliffe made the motion to come out of closed session. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Don Ledford made the motion to grant a salary merit increase to Nate Williams. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The November 27, 2018 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 1952 hours.