

# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 1, 2025**

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON  
APRIL 22, 2025**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held April 1, 2025 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by Secretary Terri Irons at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken with seven board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Secretary - Terri Irons; Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Zac Wilkins

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Absent - Reggie St. John

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:** Absent - Eric Marshall

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nate Williams – Director; Drake Pollard – Assistant Director - Recreation/Programs; Taran Svoboda – Assistant Director - Administration; Chad Clevenger – Manager - Parks and Open Spaces; Alexis Blankenship – Recreation Coordinator; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Patrick Halfhill, Zac Wilkins      Nays – 0

**VISITORS:** none

Scott Buckman made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed 7 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Patrick Halfhill, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

The minutes of the December 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be revisited at the April 22, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated March 20, 2025. Questions were asked and answered.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2025 Balance Sheet dated 3/20/2025 Accounting Period 6/2025, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 3/20/2025 for Accounting Period 6/2025, pages 1 - 3; Detail Trial Balance dated 3/20/2025 for Accounting Period 6/2025, pages 1-4; Revenue Report dated 3/20/2025 for Accounting Period 6/2025, pages 1 - 2.

Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, passed, 7 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff Reports dated February 25, 2025 and March 25, 2025 were discussed.

Mark Bullimore suggested contacting the Excelsior Springs High School for seniors that needed community service. Taran Svoboda has contacted the High School but will reach out again.

Alexis Blankenship updated the Recreation Report.

Numbers have increased in youth baseball, softball, t-ball and TNT.

April 30, 2025 is the Special Olympics Track Meet. Parks, Rec and Community Center along with the Excelsior Springs High School Student Council is hosting this event. There are 17 participants signed up so far.

Kid Poo Bike Race will be held in conjunction with the Opal Wapoo Bike Race in October.

A Corn Hole Tournament will be hosted during the BBQ and flyover.

Kids Fishing Day is scheduled for May 31.

Egg Hunt is April 18 at 6:00 pm behind the Community Center.

Kearney High School will be renting the pool from August to February during High

School swim team season from 3:30 - 5:30, along with ability to train, workout, be employed, etc.

Purple Wave has been extended the same options.

Focusing on injury prevention - ACL - Drake Pollard is working with Emily Post , Sports Medicine Instructor at the Career Center. Also is working on setting up an internship program with Sports Medicine students from the Career Center.

Abbie Perry, the new Performance Coach, will be officiating youth volleyball for the Department this spring.

April 3 from 7:30 until 10:00 am Drake will conduct training sessions at the Middle School continuing the program from last fall.

Twenty two youth attended the Spring Break Camp - .April 22 - 27.

Nate Williams has received complaints regarding motorized bikes and scooters on the trails. The drivers are not being safe in regards to walkers/joggers. New signs will be posted with no motorized bikes or scooters allowed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS - none**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Zac Wilkins reported on the Down and Derby Piccadilly this Saturday, April 5. Tables are sold out!

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Earth Day Cleanup is Saturday, April 26 from 9 am until noon. Excited to have some new groups involved! Thanks to Ed Parkison, City of Excelsior Springs GIS, for creating the clean up maps!

Five staff - Nate Williams, Drake Pollard, Taran Svoboda, Lexi Blankenship and Dria Arnold - attended the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association State Conference in February. Their reports are in the April 1, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board packet.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mark Bullimore, Deputy Superintendent - Excelsior Springs School District - will be speaking to the Senior Center this Friday, April 4, 2025 on the Excelsior Springs School District proposed tax levy increase. Student Council members will also be serving lunch that day.

Congratulations to Nate Williams for receiving the Distinguished Associate Fellow Award at the 2025 Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Conference!

Thanks to Sherri Branson-Hurt for the fabulous meatball subs, pasta salad and the most delicious pies - four kinds!!!!

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the April 1, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed 7 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt; Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Patrick Halfhill, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

The April 1, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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