

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated August 18, 2026. Questions were asked and answered.

Mark Bullimore made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2026 Balance Sheet dated 8/17/2026 Accounting Period 10/2026, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 8/17/2026 for Accounting Period 10/2026, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 8/17/2026 for Accounting Period 10/2026, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2026 Working Budget through August 17, 2026 as presented.

Sharaea Drake seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken:
Ayes – Brandon Block; Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Sharaea Drake, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Mowing continues.

Alexis Blankenship informed the Board that youth soccer and youth volleyball numbers are down. There are 89 signed up for soccer - PK/K-27; 1-2/37; 3-4/13; 5-6/12. Coaches are needed. There are 41 signed up for volleyball plus the three Lawson teams. Coaches are needed.

Numbers tend to go down in the fall and pick up for basketball and the spring sports. There are numerous youth activities in the fall.

The Board brainstormed with Lexi regarding possible solutions - maybe extending registration until after school starts, starting the program after Labor Day and having games end the first part of November. That would still allow time for basketball registration and practices to start in December,

Drake Pollard, Ty Caesar, and Alexis Blankenship will be offering a 30/30 Combo Basketball Camp on October 8-19 from 5:00 - 6:00 to include 30 minutes of basketball skills and 30 minutes of speed, agility and quickness. This will be a seven week program for \$35.00.

Alexis Blankenship is working on a Youth Basketball Camp with William Jewell contacts.

A Fireside Storytime will be offered - partnering with the Mid-Continent Public Library.

Homecoming Hangout will be September 25, 2026 with walking tacos.

Plans are being made for a Community Center 10th year anniversary walk through video.

Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, October 30, 2026.

Rainbow Splash Park is closed for the season.

Sharaea Drake left at 6:24.

Sherri Branson-Hurt wondered/asked if a survey could be done of high school athletics to see who had played any Parks and Rec sports? And to use that as “I started my sports career in Parks and Rec and look where I landed today” for advertising and promotional ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue/Budget Committee met at 5:00 pm tonight before the August 25, 2026 Board meeting to review the proposed FY 2027 Budget.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

The FY 2027 Parks and Recreation Budget was presented to the Board. Nate Williams reviewed the proposed FY 27 Parks and Recreation Department Budget with the Parks and Recreation Board. Discussion was held.

The Revenue Committee was comfortable with the proposed FY 2027 Parks and Recreation budget.

Mark Bullimore made the motion to approve the proposed FY 2027 Parks and Recreation Department Budget as submitted by the Revenue Committee. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Motion passed, 7 - 0. Ayes – Brandon Block; Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

From Alexis Blankenship: comparing 2025 Fall youth soccer and volleyball numbers to 2026 fall youth numbers: Fall Youth Soccer: PreK down 16; 1-2 down 11; 3-4 down 1; 5-6 up 1 and Youth Volleyball: 3-4 down 4; 5-6-7 down 7.

Parks and Recreation Board will meet on September 22, 2026.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the August 25, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed 7 - 0. A voice vote was taken: Ayes – Brandon Block; Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

The August 25, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.