

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2019

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON APR 23, 2019

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held March 26, 2019 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1802 hours.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Jake Simmons; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Patrick Halfhill; Don Ledford; Susan McAuliffe

Christy Marker arrived at 1809 hours.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Smith, Zac Wilkins

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

VISITOR: Kimberly Blackburn, The Excelsior Springs Standard

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

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Don Ledford seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Jake Simmons Nays – 0

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0 – 1. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Jake Simmons Nays – 0 Abstention – 1 – Don Ledford – He was not in attendance at the February meeting and was not comfortable in voting “Aye”.

The Financial Report was discussed. Various questions were asked and answered. Reggie St. John observed that the taxes received were lower than normal.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the Financial Report and FY 2018-2019 Budget Report dated February 28, 2019 and prepared March 11, 2019 as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Jake Simmons Nays – 0

STAFF REPORT

Nate Williams gave the Board more information about the ESports tournaments. Kendra Beaver is working to get grant monies for games consoles. Kendra has been contacted by out of state Parks and Rec Departments about the ESports tournaments.

Plans are being made to have an ESports tournament every other month.

The Gregg Williams Foundation has donated to the ESports programs.

Nate Williams showed the Board the ESports t-shirt.

Christy Marker arrived at 1809 hours.

Chad Clevenger was asked about repairs to the electrical boxes in East Valley Park and how the sports fields were after the weather. The boxes were not heavy duty and the fields are soft.

Nate Williams reminded the Board about the Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019 that will be held on the High School ballfields. Volunteers are welcome!

Earth Day will be celebrated with a community cleanup on April 13, 2019. Volunteers will meet at 9 am at Carolyn Schutte Pocket Park. Volunteers are needed!

There needs to be grass growing in the dog park before it opens. The crew is working on it.

Splish Splash It's a Splash Park Bash! Piccadilly will be held April 6! All volunteer servers have been recruited.

The GAGA Ball pit in East Valley Park is being used. Shrubs have been planted to help keep the ball from going into the creek.

Patrick Halfhill asked about Senior Center numbers. Numbers are down but with the

Center closing for snow days, cold temperature days and February being a short month – numbers are going to reflect it.

The Zumba Gold class has been moved back to the Senior Center because the Community Center had classes that needed the exercise room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Shelving has been installed in the old firehouse. The space is approximately 20' x25'. Entrance is the side door on the north.

When asked about a security system, Nate will discuss it with Lyndsey Baxter, Director, Downtown Excelsior Partnership (DEP) since they have the Christmas decorations in the firehouse. There is a camera at the site that is linked to the Police Department.

The Splish Splash It's a Splash Park Bash! is sold out. Wait staff will be dressed in lifeguard apparel.

The Land and Water Conservation Funds have not been awarded yet since it is a Federal Grant.

No work can be done at the Rainbow Pool site until the funds have been awarded. Vandals kicked in the outside doors last week. The maintenance crew secured the doors.

Nate Williams passed the Aquatics Facility Operators (AFO) Certification last week.

Nate has the RFP for the splash park ready to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

The City Council passed an Ordinance restricting smoking and the use of vapor devices on property owned or operated by the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department marked as a youth activity area. The Safe Committee has agreed to pay for 50 signs that will be posted.

NEW BUSINESS – none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Reggie St. John informed the Board to expect a closed session at the next meeting to discuss the National Parks and Recreation Salary Survey and current salaries.

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

The March 26, 2019 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 1848 hours.