

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2020

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON SEPT 22, 2020

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held August 25, 2020 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:07 p.m.

Roll call was taken with seven board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Jake Simmons; Vice-President – Patrick Halfhill; Secretary – Susan McAuliffe; Treasurer – Zac Wilkins; Scott Buckman; Reggie St. John; Kyle Uptegrove

Christy Marker arrived at 6:32 pm.

MEMBER ABSENT: Don Ledford

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: absent

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

VISITORS: none

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 7–0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the minutes of the July, 16, 2020 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Financial Reports were discussed. Various questions were asked and answered.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the Financial Reports and FY 2019-2020 Budget Report dated May 31, 2020 and prepared June 12, 2020 and the Financial Reports and FY 2019-2020 Budget Report through August 11, 2020 as presented. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The E-Town Hose Down with the ES Fire Department was a welcome water activity for approximately 80 kids! The water was cold but the kids enjoyed it. Thanks to the Excelsior Springs Fire Department and the Excelsior Springs Community Center.

Christy Marker arrived at 6:32 pm.

Kendra Beaver, Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Coordinator and Nate Williams, Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Director met with Joe Greim, Activities Director for the Excelsior Springs School District to discuss a new Facility Usage Agreement.

Pups and Pumpkins 5K will be a virtual race this year. Kendra Beaver is finalizing details.

The Maintenance Crew continues to mow and work on the Rainbow Splash Park! All are invited to stop by the Rainbow Splash Park and see the improvements.

Jeff Barge with the Senior Center continues to deliver meals, makes phone calls to clients and works on graphic designs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue Committee consisting of Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins and Patrick Halfhill along with Nate Williams and Chad Clevenger met on August 4, 2020. They reviewed the proposed FY 20-21 Budget by Nate Williams. After discussion, they approved the proposed FY 20-21 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Budget to be submitted to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board on August 25, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

The Rainbow Splash Park expansion was discussed. It was suggested that all costs be estimated, i.e. survey, closing, attorney fees, title fees, etc. before a counter offer and negotiation begins.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams presented the FY 20/21 Excelsior Springs Budget to the Parks and Rec Board. Rainbow Splash Park reimbursements will show up in FY 20/21 but the expenses will show in FY 19/20. Trucks, mowers and equipment will need to be purchased in FY 20/21 along with projects that are scheduled.

The Revenue Committee approved this FY20/21 proposed budget and recommends that it be approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Discussion was held.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the FY 20/21 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department budget as presented.

Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Dr. Robert Shemwell has donated two statues to the City of Excelsior Springs and the Parks and Recreation Department. One is an 800 pound turtle that is also a fountain and the other one is a tree. The turtle will be installed at Powell Lake in Century Park to take advantage of the lake water for the fountain and then the water will return to the lake. It will be installed on a pad. Nate Williams is working with City officials for the placement of the tree. It will need to be secured and in a visible location.

The City's Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated. City Manager Molly McGovern is asking all "City Boards and Commissions to evaluate the implementation section and select those Actions, Policies, or Capital items that move the community in a positive direction." Nate Williams will email the Board the information, please evaluate and send it back to Nate. Base your evaluation on "what has happened and what you want to happen."

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Dilly Event was started after the Piccadilly was cancelled this year. If you donated your ticket to the fundraising for Rainbow Splash Park, you will get your name on a commemorative tile, your name put in monthly drawings, and an invitation to a VIP party for Rainbow Splash Park. Almost everyone donated their ticket back. Some asked for refunds.

From Wednesday until school starts, Nate will be working from home.

Nate is keeping in close contact with the Clay County Health Department and their recommendations for youth sports. There will be youth fall soccer and adult coed softball has started.

The Department purchased neck gaiters for the youth soccer coaches. They are required to wear them to soccer activities and follow protocol.

Nate Williams was asked about the 2021 calendar...he's going to wait on that a bit.

OPEN DISCUSSION – none

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The August 25, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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AUGUST 25, 2020

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL 6:07 7 6:32 8

H SCOTT BUCKMAN

H PATRICK HALFHILL

Absent DON LEDFORD

H CHRISTY MARKER Arrived 6:32

H SUSAN McAULIFFE

H JAKE SIMMONS

Up REGGIE ST. JOHN

H KYLE UPTEGROVE

H ZAC WILKINS

Absent SHARON POWELL, CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

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AUGUST 25, 2020**

ROLL CALL VOTE

FY2021
BUDGET
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| SCOTT BUCKMAN | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| PATRICK HALFHILL | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| DON LEDFORD | <u>ABSENT</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| CHRISTY MARKER | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| SUSAN McAULIFFE | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| JAKE SIMMONS | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| REGGIE ST. JOHN | <u>Aye</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| KYLE UPTEGROVE | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ZAC WILKINS | <u>Y</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |