

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 27, 2022 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken with seven board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Jake Simmons; Vice President - Reggie St. John; Secretary - Scott Buckman; Treasurer - Patrick Halfhill; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Terri Irons; Zac Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Mark Spohn

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Drake Pollard, Assistant Director; Chad Clevenger – Parks and Open Space Manager; 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 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

VISITORS: none

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the September 27, 2022 FY 21/22 Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered. FY 2021-2022 year end is September 30, 2022.

Reggie St. John made the motion to accept the September 27, 2022 Financial Reports including Nate William's Working Budget through 9-12-2022, General Ledger Activity Listing dated 9-15-2022; Balance Sheet dated 9-15-2022 and Revenue and Expense Report FY 10/1 thru 9/30.

Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The Staff Reports were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Rainbow Splash Park operating expenses were discussed. Staff, accountability, cleaning, parental supervision, and rentals were also discussed. Suggestions and ideas were shared.

Nate Williams updated the Board on the revisions made to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation FY 2022-2023 Budget. Revisions were insurance costs, salaries, and taxes. This Budget was presented to the City Council on September 19 and approved by the City Council that night.

Nate Williams gave an update of Phase II of the Outdoor Aquatics Center. Powell Lake has been dredged. The sides have been graded. The fish should be okay for the winter. Waste will be hauled away after it dries.

Poured 93 yards of concrete for the deep end of the pool today. Walls will be started next.. Grading will be done to the area west of the outdoor aquatics center.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams discussed the current partnership with the Excelsior Springs School District and the proposed partnership with the School District.

Drake Pollard and Nate Williams gave a recap of their trip to the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Drake Pollard attended various Adaptive Sessions. He mentioned specifically an adaptive basketball program where they brought in wheelchairs for all participants. He said that the Conference was very informative. And if you were not able to attend a session, you could have it sent to you and watch it at a later time.

Nate Williams attended several sessions on aquatics. The underlying message throughout the aquatics sessions is not **IF** someone will drown at your facility but **WHEN** someone will drown. And how will you deal with it.

Nate Williams met Dr. Temple Grandin and was able to get an autograph and a picture with her. She was a Guest Speaker at the Best of the Best in Phoenix. Dr. Grandin is a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and is on the Autism Spectrum. She is a proponent of outdoor play and is an Autism spokeswoman. .

The Milwaukee Street Park was discussed. From Lamp Rynearson, for the Milwaukee Street Park, the Engineering costs including survey, design, construction plans, construction administration and construction observation for the parking lot and drive at Milwaukee Park is \$64,749.55. Discussion was held.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve \$64,749.55 for the engineering costs for the Milwaukee Street Park. Patrick Hailfill seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 - 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams informed the Board that Lynette Manley passed away and that her services would be held at Hidden Valley Funeral Home on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Lynette served on the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board.

Sherri Branson-Hurt announced that the Excelsior Springs Homecoming Parade is this Friday.

Nate Williams informed the Board that he might not be at the October meeting. Their baby is due on October 22.

Jake Simmons invited the Board to the ReMax After Parade Get-Together on Friday, September 30.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Halfhill seconded the meeting. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The September 27, 2022 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.