

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 27, 2021**

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON AUGUST 24, 2021**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held July 27, 2021 at Rainbow Splash Park was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christy Marker

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Stephen Spear

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nate Williams – Director; Chad Clevenger – Parks Superintendent; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant, Corey Greim, Intern

**VISITORS:** Sharon Powell, Mayor; Molly McGovern, City Manager

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer; Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Visitors: Sharon Powell, Mayor and Molly McGovern, City Manager were introduced.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Monday, August 2, 2021. The Parks and Rec Revenue Committee will then meet to further discuss the 2022 Budget before presenting the 2022 Budget for the Parks and Rec Board approval. After Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board approval, the 2022 Budget will then be presented to the City Council.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The Maintenance Report includes the wind storm damage and cleanup, the flood and the Piburn Field flood damage and cleanup and the Rainbow Splash Park update.

The Recreation Report is included.

There were 32 seniors that attended the Senior Center for lunch on July 19. July 19 was the first day for in house meals in over 15 months.

Corey Greim gave an update on the Intro to Sports program. It was well attended with 15 to 18 participants each Saturday. There were learning curves with this program. Corey thought maybe an hour time might be a little long for 4 - 8 year olds.

Movie in the Park at Carolyn Schutte Park on July 23 was well attended with 29 movie goers. The movie shown was Croods. Thank you to Keith Winge and Greg Haught for purchasing the equipment needed for the Movie in the Park.

Susan McAuliffe mentioned that she will keep looking for a box big enough to store the movie equipment in.

Movie in the Park will be shown on the second Friday night for the rest of the summer to coincide with the Downtown Excelsior Springs Partnership's "Second Weekend".

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – none

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion/conversation starter was held regarding a partnership/succession of Jesse Hall between the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department and the Excelsior Springs Community Center. The reorganizing/combining/merging of the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department with the Excelsior Springs Community Center

was presented to the Parks and Recreation Department Board by ESPR Director Nate Williams, Molly Mcovern, City Manager and Sharon Powell, Mayor.

This is a conversation starter, working documents just that - working documents, there is no time frame, no legalities have been discussed or examined.

The merger/reorganization would see the Recreation & Senior Center divisions of Parks and Recreation combining with the Excelsior Springs Community Center to become Excelsior Springs Recreation, Community Center, and Wellness Department.

The Parks side of ESPR would become Excelsior Springs Parks and Open Space.

Discussion was held.

Zac Wilkins would like to see the financials for the Community Center and the Parks and Recreation Department and the proposed departments side by side.

Reggie St. John would like to see the original ballot language establishing the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department, revenue stream, monies and breakdowns.

Molly McGovern noted that the main questions right now are legal authority and finances. This is a conversation starter, no specific time frame, and slow to move forward.

Discussion will continue.

**OPEN DISCUSSION – none**

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. Jake Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The July 27, 2021 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.