

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON OCT 20, 2020**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 22, 2020 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:08 p.m.

Roll call was taken with nine board members present.

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

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Sharon Powell

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

**VISITOR:** Molly McGovern, Excelsior Springs City Manager

Don Ledford made the motion to amend the agenda and add Rainbow Splash Park Expansion at the Visitor Forum section. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 9– 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins                      Nays – 0

City Manager Molly McGovern answered questions about the Rainbow Splash Park Expansion. Molly McGovern left at 6:12 p.m.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to table the Approval of the August 25, 2020 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes because they were not available in the emailed board packet. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins                      Nays – 0

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

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the Financial Reports and FY 2019-2020 Budget Report dated August 31, 2020 and prepared September 9, 2020 as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Christy Marker, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The plumbing for the Splash Park features at Rainbow Splash Park has been approved by the City of Excelsior Springs Inspectors/Code Enforcement.

Installers should be ready to pour concrete next week at Rainbow Splash Park.

Nate Williams informed the Board that during the trash run on Monday morning, September 21, 2020, the maintenance crew found a 2 ½ gallon gas can filled with liquid at Sunnyside Park located in the mulch under the playground equipment. The Excelsior Springs Police Department was notified. Discussion was held.

Nate talked about the Recreation report. Madden 20 had low numbers on September 12 but the Missouri National Guard Esports players in attendance were willing to step up and play. Pups and Pumpkins will be virtual this year, October 25 – 31. On Thursdays during the month of September, Kendra Beaver has been presenting webinars on Esports through the Young Professionals Association, National Recreation and Parks Association. There have been 60 – 80 participants per webinar from across the nation – even Alaska!

One Step at a Time and ESPR are talking about partnering for ballroom dance lessons.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Airport Ad Hoc committee members Zac Wilkins, Reggie St. John, Scott Buckman and Jake Simmons, Ex Officio member met with Excelsior Springs City Manager Molly McGovern and Mayor Sharon Powell tonight before the Excelsior Springs Parks and Rec Board meeting. Discussion was held regarding the potential use of the airport for the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department. The airport has to be an airport until 2037 due to the Missouri Department of Transportation grant for \$500,000 to resurface the runway. If it is not used as an airport, the money would have to be paid back. Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department will not be taking over management of the Excelsior Springs Airport at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

The October Board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020 which is the third Tuesday of the month because the National Recreation and Parks Association National Conference is scheduled for the last week of October. It is a virtual conference this year. Nate would like to keep the meeting on October 20 and include a brainstorming session for the Parks and Recreation Department’s Strategic Plan with a possible closed session regarding real estate.

The City’s Strategic Plan was briefly discussed.

Sharon Powell left at 7:18 pm.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins                      Nays – 0

The September 22, 2020 Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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**6:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL** 9

H SCOTT BUCKMAN

H PATRICK HALFHILL

H DON LEDFORD

H CHRISTY MARKER

H SUSAN McAULIFFE

H JAKE SIMMONS

Yw REGGIE ST. JOHN

H KYLE UPTEGROVE

H ZAC WILKINS

H SHARON POWELL, CITY COUNCIL LIAISON