

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2019

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON JAN 28, 2020

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held December 17, 2019 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1805 hours.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Secretary – Patrick Halfhill; Scott Buckman; Don Ledford; Christy Marker; Susan McAuliffe;

Zac Wilkins arrived at 1813 hours.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jake Simmons

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: absent

VISITORS: None

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

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John
Nays – 0

Don Ledford made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John
Nays – 0

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

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the Financial Reports and FY 2019-2020 Budget Report dated November 30, 2019 and prepared December 4, 2019 as presented.

Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Nays – 0

STAFF REPORT

Don Ledford asked about the porta potties in Century Bark and East Valley. The one in Century Bark will stay because the dog park is used and the one in East Valley will be evaluated.

Nate Williams posted on Facebook on December 15 before the snow arrived that at the “recommendation from our insurance provider along with current trends of other parks and recreation departments in the KC Metro area, ESPR has made the decision to not clear snow off of trails beginning with winter 2019. ESPR encourages community members to stick to safer sidewalks that have been cleared of snow”. There were mixed reviews and one encouraged alternate activities – go snowshoeing or cross country skiing.

Zac Wilkins arrived at 1813 hours.

There were approximately 175 youth at the Candy Cane Hunt. Some gloves, scarves and one coat were donated for the drive.

There were approximately 60 dogs at the Paws for Pictures. 156 pounds of dry dog food were donated along with 180 cans of pet food. Toys and blankets were also collected. These things were donated to the Excelsior Springs Animal Shelter.

The RFP is almost complete for the Splash Park. Bidders will be allowed to bid materials, installation or both.

Nate Williams’ travels recently took him to Northwest Missouri State University to talk to a Foundations of Recreation class. He also informed the class that he was looking for interns.

Nate attended the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association’s Legislative Workshop in Jefferson City. At the workshop, attendees learned what the Missouri Legislature will be taking action on next session. One of the topics was when a trail or park is built and the users wander off into private property and the liability thereof. He will be attending the Legislature Action Day in January.

Nate also attended the MPRA Board meeting in Jefferson City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

Plans are to set meeting dates starting in February 2020.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

The compact track loader bids were discussed. Six companies submitted 7 bids.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the bid from Murphy Tractor for a John Deere 325G for \$34,994.00. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

Kendra Beaver, Recreation Coordinator, is working to have a two game guaranteed winter softball tournament in February. It is suggested to make it a fun event. She is asking for name suggestions. Name suggestions are: Snow Lot, Field of Snow, Polar Ball, Frost Bite, Frozen Diamond and Snow Warmers.

Nate handed out the 2020 Parks and Recreation Calendar. It has been distributed to the elementary and middle schools.

This Friday is the Parks and Recreation Ugly Sweater Christmas Luncheon at 12:15 at the Senior Center.

Nate has been appointed to the MPRA Awards Committee.

Don Ledford asked about the progress on the ESports League and the other cities. There is a Double Rocket League Tournament in Excelsior Springs in January. Gladstone Parks and Recreation has one scheduled for January also. The top three players from the two tournaments will play in Excelsior Springs in February. Smithville will be partnering with Excelsior Springs and are encouraging their players to play in ESPR's tournament. Liberty Parks and Rec plans to join in March. Departments really need gamers to run the leagues and tournaments – ESPR is lucky to have Kendra Beaver and Andrew Morris.

Kendra has made a map and has located all the calls regarding ESports on the map.

Kendra Beaver is reaching out to KC Gaming, Gatorade, Mt Dew, etc. for donations and sponsorships for the KC MESA events.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to close the meeting Pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo. (3) Personnel. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed 7 – 0. A

show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 1916 hours. There will be a five minute break.

Don Ledford Made the motion to come out of closed session. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Zac Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The December 17, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at hours 2020 hours.

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6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

1805-6 1813-7

— SHERRI BRANSON- HURT

H SCOTT BUCKMAN

H PATRICK HALFHILL

H DON LEDFORD

H CHRISTY MARKER

H SUSAN McAULIFFE

— JAKE SIMMONS

yo REGGIE ST. JOHN

1813 ZAC WILKINS

— SHARON POWELL, CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

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ROLL CALL VOTE

*COMPACT
TRACK
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7-0* / / /

SHERRI BRANSON- HURT	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
SCOTT BUCKMAN	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
PATRICK HALFHILL	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
DON LEDFORD	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
CHRISTY MARKER	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
SUSAN McAULIFFE	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
JAKE SIMMONS	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
REGGIE ST. JOHN	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
ZAC WILKINS	<u>Yes</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>