

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2026

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
MAY 26, 2026**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held April 28, 2026 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Patrick Halfhill at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Patrick Halfhill; Vice President - Zac Wilkins; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Greg Broadbent; Cindy Spellman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Block, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Kyle Uptegrove

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON: Doug Baker

VISITORS: Jody and Linda Pasalich

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Drake Pollard – Assistant Director - Recreation/Programs; Chad Clevenger – Manager - Parks and Open Spaces; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

Visitors were introduced - Jody and Linda Pasalich. They voiced their concerns about the trash along the creek just west of the wood walk bridge at the southern edge of King's Addition, adding that there was a fire in the trash recently. They also have concerns about the motorized/electric scooters, bikes, etc. that come from the Rainbow Trail, the Lynn Road cul-de-sac and from the south from the Hospital. They are driving

fast, erratically and with the majority wearing no helmets. If the police are called, by the time they get there, the riders are gone.

The Pasalich's are asking for additional/similar signs to the Rainbow Trail signs to be installed on Rainbow Trail to the west from the cul-de-sac and on the wood bridge.

The Pasalich's wanted to voice their concerns before someone is injured.

Jody and Linda Pasalich were thanked for bringing this issue to the attention of the board.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Cindy Spellman seconded the motion, motion passed 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated April 23, 2026. Questions were asked and answered.

Zac Wilkins made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2026 Balance Sheet dated 4/23/2026 Accounting Period 6/2026, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 4/23/2026 for Accounting Period 6/2026, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 4/23/2026 for Accounting Period 6/2026, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2026 Working Budget through April 23, 2026 as presented.

Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

FEAT Performance will be offering fitness classes for elementary students. This will be an open gym type situation.

EARTH Day cleanup was April 25, 2026. There were 87 bags of trash collected, 10 mesh stream bags, 16 tires, 12 bulky truck loads, and 87 volunteer hours worth approximately \$9,433.00.

Trees were planted by the Rotary Club on Siloam Mountain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Piccadilly was held on April 18, 2026 to a sold out crowd. Approximately \$44,000 was taken in before expenses. Final tallies will be determined by the May Foundation meeting.

The Parks and Rec Foundation, through their fundraising efforts, has donated approximately \$360,000 to Parks and Recreation Department projects! Lots of new faces at this Piccadilly!

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams presented the 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation and Community Center Annual Report. After approval by the Parks and Recreation Board, Nate Williams will present it to the City Council.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation and Community Center Annual Report. Greg Broadbent seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Nate Williams presented the Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation, and Community Center Strategic Plan 2026 to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board. It is the first Strategic Plan for the combined Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Center. The Strategic Plan compares where we are, where we were in the past years and what improvement/changes can be implemented.

The Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation, and Community Center Strategic Plan 2026 is a guide for the Parks, Recreation, and the Community Center's leadership team.

Cindy Spellman made the motion to adopt the Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation and Community Center Strategic Plan 2026. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed 5 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Strategic Plan will be shared with the Excelsior Springs City Council.

Nate Williams presented the Boundless Backyard Playground bids to the Board. Discussion was held on the bids - prices and variations.

Nate Williams, along with Patti Hubbard- Grant Administrator, recommends the Athco Acquisition Corp. bid of \$989,325.00 that meets the bid specifications for the Boundless Backyard Playground.

After discussion, Greg Broadbent made the motion to approve the Athco Acquisition Corp. bid of \$989,325.00 for the Boundless Backyard Playground. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

The 2026 Summer Program guide and Parks and Rec Month Passport information, included in the board packet, will be given to all Excelsior Springs Elementary students.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Help us celebrate Sharon Sampsel’s retirement from the Parks and Recreation Department, Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the Parks and Recreation Department’s Maintenance Facility.

Nate Williams has been approached about changing the name of Eddie Raper Park. Eddie Raper Park was named for the Eddie Raper Family that donated the land to the City of Excelsior Springs, MO for a park. Discussion was held as to what could be done to change name of the park and still honor the Eddie Raper Family.. Policy has been enacted that parks cannot be named after a person or family.

The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be May 26, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Zac Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the April 28, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Cindy Spellman seconded the motion, passed 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

The April 28, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.