

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON  
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 24, 2024 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President - Jake Simmons, Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman; Kyle Uptegrove

Zac Wilkins arrived at 6:01 p.m.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Reggie St. John

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:** Absent - Eric Marshall

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

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Nays – 0

Zac Wilkins arrived at 6:01 p.m.

**VISITORS:** none

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2024

Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Willkins      Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated September 10, 2024. Questions were asked and answered.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including Balance Sheet dated 9-10-2024 for Accounting Period 11/2024, page 1; Detail Budget Report by Category dated 9-10-2024 for Accounting Period 11/2024, pages 1 - 4; Revenue Report dated 9-10-2024 for Accounting Period 11/2024, pages 1-2; Budget Comparison 2023 to 2024; and Nate Williams' 2023-24 Working Budget through September 2024 as presented.

Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Willkins      Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Rainbow Splash Park has been winterized.

Alexis Blankenship met with the Lawson Youth Sports Association basketball contact. Lawson has started youth basketball sign ups so joining up for this season is unlikely. Alexis will continue to stay in touch with the basketball coach.

Alexis Blakenship will meet Orrick sports representatives about participating in our programs.

Fall Festival at the Community Center is October 19, 2024 and are looking for trunks.

FEAT Performance with Drake Pollard was able to train 130 Excelsior Springs Middle School students. Drake collaborated with Physical Education Instructors about training the morning students. Drake had positive feedback from the students.

Taron Svoboda is attending the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association's Lyle B. Beaver Leadership Development Institute, September 24 - 26 in Columbia, MO.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS - none**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nate Williams updated the Board on the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Boundless Backyard. He included a site map.

Nate Williams and Taran Svoboda met with Molly McGovern and reviewed the grant application. Mid America Regional Council (MARC) personnel might be hired regarding the environmental impact studies.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

This FY 2024/2025 Budget has been amended to reflect property tax increases and salary adjustments.

Zac Wilkins made the motion to approve the amended FY 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation Department Budget. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins                      Nays – 0

This amended and approved FY 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation Department Budget will go before the Excelsior Springs City Council for approval.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Nate Williams and Drake Pollard will be attending the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, October 6 - 11, 2024.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the September 24, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0.

A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins                      Nays – 0

President Jake Simmons adjourned the September 24, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 7:15 p.m.