

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
JANUARY 27, 2026**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held November 25, 2025 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by Vice President Zac Wilkins at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-President - Zac Wilkins; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Mark Bullimore; Terri Irons; Cindy Spellman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Block, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Kyle Uptegrove

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON: Doug Baker

VISITORS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Drake Pollard – Assistant Director - Recreation/Programs; Taran Svoboda – Assistant Director - Administration; Chad Clevenger – Manager - Parks and Open Spaces; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant; Alexis Blankenship – Recreation Coordinator; Brennan Kimball – Marketing and Event Coordinator

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

Brennan Kimball thanked Cindy Spellman for volunteering at the Fall Festival. Terri Irons also worked the Fall Festival at the hayrides at the Golf Course.

Cindy Spellman made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion,

motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated November 20, 2025. Questions were asked and answered.

Terri Irons made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2026 Balance Sheet dated 11/20/2025 Accounting Period 1/2026, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 11/20/2025 for Accounting Period 1/2026, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 11/20/2025 for Accounting Period 1/2026, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2026 Working Budget through September 2026 as presented.

Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Councilman Reggie St, John asked Chad Clevenger about the Forest ReLeaf trees. Chad Clevenger explained that Forest ReLeaf is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing Missouri's urban and rural tree canopy through community engagement, education, and tree distribution programs. Forest ReLeaf partners with the Missouri Department of Conservation. The Parks and Recreation Department applies for these free trees from them. In the fall, ordered trees are delivered to Kansas City and in the spring they are picked up in the Columbia area. The trees are planted in the areas of the parks where there is a need. The trees at Century Bark with the orange fence around them are from the Forest ReLeaf program.

Youth basketball has 169 enrolled in the program.

MLS GO was approved by the City Council. An application for a MLS GO grant will be submitted to help offset costs and boost participation. MLS GO and RCX Sports are supported by the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association and the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Candy Cane Hunt is December 6, 2025 at 9 am. There will be crafts, cocoa, Santa and the candy cane hunt. Volunteers are welcome!

The Region 1 MPRA Lunch and Learn at the View Community Center in Grandview, MO with guest speaker, Joel Goldberg, had over 50 in attendance! Congrats to Lexi for securing him as a speaker.

Alexis Blankenship's name has been submitted for Regional Director by a nomination from the St. Louis area.

FEAT has had college students come back over the break for continued training.

FEAT participant numbers should increase this winter.

The camp has seven participants signed up.

Coach Abby has stepped down to take a position with another company.

The Kearney High School girls swim team is using the facility. They have 24 swimmers.

Nate Williams announced that the Meals and a Visit Program (MVP) for homebound Seniors has been funded through the Clay County Senior Services, grants, Community Foundation and other local donors. The meals will be purchased from the Excelsior Springs Hospital. Tammy Murphy has been hired to be MVP coordinator. Plans are to start the deliveries in January. Volunteer drivers are still needed.

Nate Williams along with Brandon Block attended the KC Metro P&R Directors banquet at the new aquarium at the Kansas City Zoo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

The Request for Proposals for Boundless backyard was submitted to the City's attorney for approval. Suggestions were made and implemented.

Caroline Templeton, Landscape Architect, with Harper's Playground had been contracted to offer a concept play design for Boundless Backyard to be included in the Request for Proposals for Boundless Backyard (RFP).

Zac Wilkins informed the Parks and Rec Board that the 2026 Piccadilly will be the last Piccadilly to raise money for Boundless Backyard because they will have met their target amount to donate. They will continue to raise money for projects and causes but that has not been determined.

Your Prom - Your Era tickets presale will be at the Wine and Shine Tasting Room January 9, 2026. Tickets are \$60.00 per person or tables are \$600 and \$800. Your

Your Prom - Your Era Piccadilly Gala is April 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Montgomery Event Center.

The Parks Foundation is looking for new members as some of the current members are close to terming out.

NEW BUSINESS - none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams informed the Board that the December meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2026.

Mark Bullimore made the motion to cancel the December 23, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Cindy Spellman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Vote was taken - motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be January 27, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Thank you to Sherri Branson-Hurt for the delicious supper and cookies!!

Cindy Spellman made the motion to adjourn the November 25, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Mark Bullimore seconded the motion, passed 5 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The November 25, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.