

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2023

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held October 24, 2023 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Jake Simmons; Vice President - Patrick Halfhill; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Scott Buckman; Mark Bullimore; Jessica Meyer; Kyle Uptegrove; Zac Wilkins

Terri Irons arrived at 6:01.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:

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

VISITOR: Elizabeth Barnt, The Excelsior Standard; Laura Mize - lives in Country Meadows Neighborhood

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hand vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Laura Mize was introduced. She lives in the Country Meadows neighborhood and is interested in the Milwaukee Park project.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the October 24, 2023 FY 22/23 and FY 23/24 Financial Reports Questions were asked and answered.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the October 24, 2023 Financial Reports including Balance Sheet dated 10/18/2023 for Accounting Period 12/2023, page 1; Revenue Report dated 10/18/2023 for Accounting Period 12/2023, pages 1 - 2; Detail Budget Report by Category dated 10/18/2023 for Accounting Period 12/2023, pages 1- 4 and Nate Williams' 2023-2024 Working Budget through 10/18/2023 and 2022-2023 Working Budget through 10/18/2023 as presented.

Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Nate Williams updated Laura Mize on the Milwaukee Street Park. The Maintenance Crew has added a construction entrance, silt fence and began construction on the walk trail. The parking lot plans have been submitted to Planning and Zoning for approval. After the parking lot plans receive approval from the Planning and Zoning infrastructure will begin - dirt will be moved, water, sewer and electrical will be installed. The Department will utilize a purchasing coop to purchase park structures, etc.

Youth soccer finished on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Youth volleyball will finish this Saturday, October 28.

Youth basketball registration is going on now with registration scheduled to end on November 25, 2023.

Youth volleyball will be offered to 7th grade players in the spring.

Drake Pollard discussed FEAT. Plans are to offer performance camps around the holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nate Williams has set meeting dates for the Parks and Recreation Committees.

The Parks Committee will meet at 5 pm on November 28, 2023 before the Board meeting. The Parks Committee consists of Sherri Branson-Hurt, Jessica Meyer, and Zac Wilkins.

The Recreation Committee will meet at 5 pm on December 19, 2023 before the Board meeting. The Recreation Committee consists of Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, and Kyle Uptegrove.

Jake Simmons, as President, serves as an ex-officio member of all committees.

OLD BUSINESS

Nate Williams will set up a joint meeting between the Excelsior Springs Parks Foundation and the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board to discuss and review plans for the Milwaukee Street Park since this is a project that the Foundation is funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams reported on the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference held in Dallas, Texas. Some courses attended were: AI (Artificial Intelligence); Innovation; Hire Slow - Fire Fast; Hiring for Personality; 100 Cups of Coffee - Leadership Lessons.

Drake Pollard talked about different courses. How to Deal with a Karen; Community Engagement - Kids and Parks; Small Group Meetings; Business Donors; QR Codes; Proceed with Kindness; Why Parks Matter!; Lead from the Top of the Iceberg; Effective Community Engagement.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Fall Festival at the Community Center is this Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 6-8 pm. Pumpkin Plunge starts at 9 am on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Sherri Branson-Hurt asked about food allergies because she is bringing food to the November meeting.

Zac Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion. A show of hand vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

Jake Simmons adjourned the October 24, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 7:01 p.m.