

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 26, 2026

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
JUNE 23, 2026**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held May 26, 2026 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Patrick Halfhill at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Patrick Halfhill; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Greg Broadbent; Terri Irons; Cindy Spellman

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

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:

VISITORS: Kim Halfhill and Kaylee Halfhill

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; Kaylie Como – Marketing and Events Coordinator

Cindy Spellman 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, Greg Broadbent, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman
Nays – 0

Kim and Kaylee Halfhill were introduced. Kim is Patrick Halfhill's wife and Kaylee is their daughter.

Greg Broadbent made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 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, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman
Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated May 20, 2026. Questions were asked and answered. Nate Williams informed the Board that the Other Recreation Related line item is over budget due to the purchase of full uniforms (jerseys, shorts, and socks) for youth soccer participants through the RCX MLS Go program. The MLS GO Program is a good program but is not sustainable for a town of a population of 11,000 due to the cost of the uniforms. Since Alexis Blankenship sits on the board as a Small Town Representative, she will advocate for having the option to only purchase jerseys instead of full uniforms.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2026 Balance Sheet dated 5/20/2026 Accounting Period 7/2026, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 5/20/2026 for Accounting Period 7/2026, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 5/20/2026 for Accounting Period 7/2026, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2026 Working Budget through May 20, 2026 as presented.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Kaylie Como was introduced as the Marketing and Events Coordinator. She started on May 4, 2026. She is finalizing the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Singletrack Trail. It will be held on June 6, 2026 at 10:00 am.

A meeting has been scheduled this Thursday with Excelsior Springs Fire and Police, Melinda Mehaffy-City Manager, Kaylie Como, and Nate Williams to develop an Emergency Action Plan for the Singletrack Trail.

Kaylie Como distributed the 2026 Summer Activity Guide.

Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation and Community Center is partnering with the Downtown Excelsior Partnership (DEP) for Movies on the Lawn this summer. Movies will be shown at the Hall of Waters Courtyard and will be sponsored by Chuck Anderson Ford. Thank you Chuck Anderson Ford!

Nate Williams suggested viewing the USBR 51 (United States Bike Route 51) video produced by Brent Hugh (main coordinator of the USBR 51 as he rides/travels the route from Lamoni, Iowa to Knob Noster, Missouri. About the five minute mark he is coming into Excelsior Springs and rides through downtown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Parks Foundation met with staff at Boundless Backyard Park last to present a \$70,000 check for the playground at Boundless Backyard. Thank you very much for your donations and continued support of the parks in Excelsior Springs.

OLD BUSINESS

Athco has signed the contract for the Boundless BackYard playground. The process will begin in choosing colors and incorporating the butterfly concept.

Restrooms are almost done, shelters are completed and painted, trees are planted and the butterfly haven has been planted.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams explained that tonight is Patrick Halfhill's last meeting as a Parks and Rec Board member as he is terming out having served three consecutive terms - three years is a term. A person can only serve three consecutive terms. Mark Bullimore and Kyle Uptegrove can be reappointed. There is one vacant spot that needs to be filled on the Parks and Recreation Board. People can apply online, at City Hall or talk to Nate.

Patrick Halfhill was presented a certificate by Mayor Pro Tem Reggie St. John and Director Nate Williams thanking him for his years of service to the Parks and Recreation Board.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be June 23, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the May 26, 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, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman, Nays – 0

The May 26, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.