

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 28, 2026

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
AUGUST 25, 2026**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held July 28, 2026 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Zac Wilkins at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Zac Wilkins; Greg Broadbent; Mark Bullimore; Sharaea Drake; Kyle Uptegrove

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Block, Sherri Branson-Hurt, Terri Irons, Cindy Spellman

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON: Doug Baker

VISITORS:

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

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Bullimore seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Greg Broadbent, Mark Bullimore, Sharaea Drake, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Greg Broadbent seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Greg Broadbent, Mark Bullimore, Sharaea Drake, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

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

Nate Williams informed the Board that it is budget time. City Manager Melinda Mehaffy will present the ESPRCC Budget to the City Council on Friday morning because he has prior commitments.

Greg Broadbent made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2026 Balance Sheet dated 7/23/2026 Accounting Period 9/2026, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 7/23/2026 for Accounting Period 9/2026, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 7/23/2026 for Accounting Period 9/2026, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2026 Working Budget through July 23, 2026 as presented.

Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Greg Broadbent, Mark Bullimore, Sharaea Drake, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Mowing continues. There has been some vandalism in the parks - graffiti.

The ADA adjustable height changing table in the women's restroom at Rainbow Splash Park has been damaged. Chad Clevenger and Nate Williams are working on a repair solution.

Alexis Blankenship updated the Board on the youth soccer programs. MLSGo is expensive - a whole uniform has to be ordered - jersey, shorts, and socks. Jerseys cannot be ordered by themselves. MLSGo will be offered in the spring because a Grant was awarded to the Department for the spring season. Lexi talked with MLSGo about ordering jerseys only and not the whole uniform kit but that conversation was unproductive.

Happy Feet's representatives have not been the same contact person and Lexi is not getting the same response from people.

AYSO or in house instruction could be considered..

Drake Pollard reported that FEAT numbers are on the increase. Ty Caesar will be staying on and working on camps and skills. Ty will start in August.

Nate Williams reported that there have been some change orders for the playground at Boundless Backyard - removing the tunnel and replacing it with a ground trampoline

and moving signs to open up play spaces.

Boundless Backyard's playground concept design is by Harper's Playground but will probably not make their premier certification list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue/Budget Committee will tentatively meet at 5:00 pm before the August 25, 2026 Board meeting to review the proposed 2026/2027. It will then be discussed and voted on by the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board at their meeting at 6:00 pm that evening.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Excelsior Springs Parks and Rec Month update - 33 free activities due to our great sponsors!! 972 participants so far with four more days to go - including tonight's activity.

Partnering with the MidContinent Public Library for Storeytime in the Parks, Storeytime at the Splash Pad - 110 in attendance and a new concept for the Library and another new concept of Storeytime at the Pool has been exciting additions to our Parks and Rec month activities!

Nerf Wars had 45 participants.

Smores and Smiles was held last night with 55 participants enjoying hot dogs and smores! With a 114 degree heat index!

Of the 33 activities offered - youth had to attend 9 and be accounted for to be in the drawing for special prizes at the end of Parks and Rec Month.

Thank you to Cooper Bishop for the pictures and the videos of the activities! 6000 photos have been taken!!!

Messy Mania is Friday night!

OPEN DISCUSSION

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to adjourn the July 28, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting and take a group photo with the Parks and Rec Board members in the Parks and Rec t-shirts.

Mark Bullimore seconded the motion, passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken:
Ayes – 5 - 0. Greg Broadbent, Mark Bullimore, Sharaea Drake, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac
Wilkins Nays – 0

The July 28, 2026 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was
adjourned at 6:42 p.m.