

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 26, 2021**

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON FEB 23, 2021**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held January 26, 2021 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center and virtually was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:14 p.m.

Roll call was taken with eight board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:** President – Jake Simmons; Treasurer – Zac Wilkins; Scott Buckman; Reggie St. John

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Vice-President – Patrick Halfhill; Secretary – Susan McAuliffe; Don Ledford; Christy Marker

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Kyle Uptegrove

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON VIRTUALLY:** Sharon Powell

**STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:** Nate Williams – Director; Chad Clevenger – Parks Superintendent; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant

**VISITORS:** none

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

Scott Buckman made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Nate Williams'20-21 Working Budget was discussed with the anticipation of the monthly Financial Report and Budget Reports becoming available soon.

Nate Williams updated the Board on the financials for the Rainbow Splash Park. \$363,774 has been spent towards a budgeted \$512, 509. The installation cost of the amenities along with the cost of the parking lot has yet to be incurred.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve Nate Williams'20-21 Working Budget and the Rainbow Splash Park Expenses through January 20, 2021. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORTS**

There were no questions on the Park Maintenance Staff Report or the Rainbow Splash Park Report.

There is a Fortnite Tournament scheduled for this Friday, January 29. Kendra Beaver will assist in running the tournament.

Nate Williams has conducted six virtual interviews with Recreation Coordinators applicants. One interview is scheduled for tomorrow. Nate hopes to have someone hired by the end of next week.

February 5, 2021 is the deadline for the RFPs for the truck, mowers, and signage for Rainbow Splash Park. There will be no public bid opening due to Covid protocol.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS - none**

## **OLD BUSINESS - none**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Internet service proposal for the maintenance shop was discussed. The ESPR currently pays Media Com \$129.95 per month for 60 Mbps Download and 10 Mbps

Upload. The cost for United Fiber is \$69.95 per month for 75 Mbps Download and 75 Mbps Upload. 150 Mbps Download and Upload is \$99.95 per month. The 75 Mbps would be cheaper by \$60 per month and the 150 Mbps would be cheaper by \$30.00 per month. There is no installation fee with a three year contract.

This does not require ESPR Board approval. ESPR will be switching to United Fiber. Site survey is scheduled for this week.

The 2021 Strategic Plan results were reviewed. There were 158 responses. The survey had been posted on Facebook and other social media networks. Nate will finalize the report for approval at the February board meeting.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Youth spring soccer was discussed. Registration is open for the Spring League. It would be great to be able to have games at one facility. Nate has reached out to the Excelsior Springs High School Activities Director regarding the use of an outside sports field.

The Intro to Competitive Soccer contacts will keep Nate in the loop regarding this program.

The Fortnite On Line and In Person Tournament is scheduled for this Friday, January 29, 2021 at 6 pm at the Community Center. The top three players will advance to the KC MESA Regional Finals on February 26, 2021. Kendra Beaver will assist with this tournament. Nate will use this tournament to learn about Fortnite and esports activities.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Nate Williams is meeting with Keith Winge, Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation member, tomorrow at the Rainbow Splash Park to make a short video for the Foundation members and Piccadilly participants, weather dependent.

Christy Marker asked for a Milwaukee Street Park update. This park would be the next major project after Rainbow Splash Park is open. Plans are to have a fully inclusive playground area that will require a pour in place surface. A grant would be applied for to help build this playground. Beginning stages would be summer or fall.

Scott Buckman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Reggie St. John seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. Jake Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The January 26, 2021 Excelsior Spring Parks and Recreation meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2021

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

8  
6:14

P SCOTT BUCKMAN

V PATRICK HALFHILL

V DON LEDFORD

V CHRISTY MARKER

V SUSAN McAULIFFE

P JAKE SIMMONS

P REGGIE ST. JOHN

    KYLE UPTEGROVE

P ZAC WILKINS

V SHARON POWELL, CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

*P = in person  
V = virtual*

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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

	<i>Agenda</i> 8-0	<i>Minutes</i> 11-17-20 8-0	<i>Minutes</i> 12-15-20 8-0	<i>Financials + Splash Park/CWC</i> 8-0
SCOTT BUCKMAN	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
PATRICK HALFHILL	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
DON LEDFORD	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
CHRISTY MARKER	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
SUSAN McAULIFFE	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
JAKE SIMMONS	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
REGGIE ST. JOHN	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Aye</u>
KYLE UPTEGROVE	_____	_____	_____	_____
ZAC WILKINS	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>