

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2025

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held January 28, 2025 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Jake Simmons, Vice President - Kyle Uptegrove, Secretary - Terri Irons; Sherri Branson-Hurt, Zac Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon Block, Mark Bullimore, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON: Absent - Eric Marshall

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

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 – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

VISITORS: none

The minutes of the December 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be revisited at the February 25, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Discussion was held on the Financial Reports dated January 16, 2025. Questions were asked and answered.

Terri Irons made the motion to accept the Financial Reports including the 2025 Balance Sheet dated 1/16/2025 Accounting Period 3/2025, page 1; Detail Budget Report dated 1/16/2025 for Accounting Period 3/2025, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 1/16/2025 for Accounting Period 3/2025, pages 1-2 and Nate Williams' 2024-25 Working Budget through 1/14/2025 as presented.

Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, passed, 5 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Alexis Blankenship updated the Recreation Report.

There are 16 teams in Women's Volleyball. Teams or Individuals could sign up for this season. Teams were formed from those individuals. Fourteen individuals signed up and two teams were formed.

TNT will transition to AYSO. This has evolved into an older players camp and other opportunities.

There are 21 registered for the Rec Swim Program.

Lexi has been vetting and assigning officials while still working with the Umpires Association.

Dria Arnold and Lexi will be presenting at the Missouri Parks and Recreation Conference on Internships.

Drake Pollard talked about the new part time Performance Coach, Abbie Perry. She played volleyball at Missouri Baptist.

FEAT is working on a new swim program for this summer.

Plans are being made for a Sports Medicine Workshop this summer. Open to all and will be featuring the ACL and difference of male and female ACLs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

The Parks Foundation held the Piccadilly presale on January 10, 2025 and it sold out in 45 minutes. 224 people will be attending "Down and Derby" on April 5, 2025.

Zac Wilkins mentioned that the Foundation members were able to talk with attendees about possible themes, likes and dislikes, etc. It was good to get feedback.

The new Foundation members are enthused and involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Six asphalt companies were sent Requests for Bids for the asphalt parking lot at Boundless BackYard. Four were returned.

Discussion was held on the bids and the companies.

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to approve the bid of \$59,410.00 from Phillips Paving Co. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

Reminder: Parks and Recreation Board will revisit the December 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Board minutes on February 25, 2025.

Lexi has been planning Parks and Rec month and spring break week. An open Pinewood Derby and a 3 v 3 basketball tournament was discussed.

Nate Williams informed the Board that he along with Drake Pollard, Taran Svoboda, Lexi Blankenship, and Dria Arnold will be attending the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association State Conference and Expo at Branson February 17-21, 2025.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the January 28, 2025 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Terri Irons, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

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6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL 6:02 = 5

_____ BRANDON BLOCK

H _____ SHERRI BRANSON-HURT

_____ SCOTT BUCKMAN

_____ MARK BULLIMORE

_____ PATRICK HALFHILL

H _____ TERRI IRONS

H _____ JAKE SIMMONS

H _____ KYLE UPTEGROVE

H _____ ZAC WILKINS

yo _____ REGGIE ST. JOHN, CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

_____ ERIC MARSHALL, ESSD LIAISON

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ROLL CALL VOTE

	<i>FINANCIALS</i>	<i>1-28-2025</i>	<i>Boundless Backyard Asphalt Parking Lot.</i>		
BRANDON BLOCK	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SHERRI BRANSON-HURT	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
SCOTT BUCKMAN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MARK BULLIMORE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PATRICK HALFHILL	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TERRI IRONS	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
JAKE SIMMONS	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
KYLE UPTEGROVE	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
ZAC WILKINS	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____