

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
JUNE 27, 2023**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held May 23, 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 seven board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Jake Simmons; Secretary - Scott Buckman; Treasurer - Patrick Halfhill; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Mark Bullimore, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins

Jessica Meyer arrived at 6:05.

MEMBER ABSENT: Terri Irons

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Reggie St. John

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Chad Clevenger – Manager - Parks and Open Space; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant:

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

VISITOR: Intern - Marco Martin

Nate Williams introduced Intern, Marco Martin. He is finishing his degree in Parks, Recreation and Sports with an emphasis on Sports Management. He will rotate throughout the different divisions of the Department. Marco told the Board a little about himself.

ES PRCC will have two additional interns this summer.

Jessica Meyer arrived at 6:05.

Sherry Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherry Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the May 23, 2023 FY 22/23 Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered.

Nate Williams mentioned that 2023-2024 Budget meetings start in June.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the May 23, 2023 Financial Reports including Balance Sheet dated 05/09/2023 for Accounting Period 07/2023 page 1; Detail Budget Report by Category dated 5/09/2023 for Accounting Period 7/2023 pages 1, 2, 3, & 4; Revenue Report dated 05/09/2023 for Accounting Period 07/2023 pages 1 & 2; and Nate Williams' 2022-2023 Working Budget through 5-17-2023.

Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherry Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The Staff Reports were discussed.

Slight hiccup on the opening day at Rainbow Splash Park but all seems to be going well now.

Graffiti continues throughout the parks.

Staff has started removing playground amenities from Lewis School.

Youth softball and baseball numbers are low. Staff has been creative for softball/baseball activities for youth 10U and above - mini clinics/camps and then games.

Other sporting events/opportunities were discussed including archery, fishing, shooting sports, etc.

The outdoor pool is coming along.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams discussed the 2022 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report.

After questions were asked and answered, Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the Annual Report and submit it to the City Council. Mark Bullimore seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Methodist Church Land License Agreement was discussed. This is the landlocked parcel of land between Rainbow Splash Park and the small creek to the north. This yearly agreement has changed to indefinitely, unless written notice is given, with a yearly fee and that the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department maintains it to abate the nuisance creatures from the Splash Park.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the License Agreement with the First United Methodist Church of Excelsior Springs,MO. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Mark Bullimore, Patrick Halfhill, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Election of Officers was held. Officers elected for FY 23-24 are: President - Jake Simmons; Vice President - Patrick Halfhill; Secretary - Terri Irons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nate Williams shared the Summer Programs and Events Information sheet that was distributed to the schools. More information can be found at www.es-prcc.com.

The annual Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board picture will be taken at the June meeting. July is Parks and Rec Month with the theme being “Where Community Grows!”.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Patrick Halfhill, Nate Williams and Reggie St. John encouraged everyone to fill out the Thrive Community Survey for the Community of Excellence. The survey can be filled out in about five minutes. The City of Excelsior Springs uses the information and results for proposed projects

and grants. Reggie St. John cited previous data gathered resulted in the information that within the 64024 zip code, life expectancy was 8 plus years less than the life expectancy in the rest of Clay County.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion.

Jake Simmons adjourned the May 23, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 7:13 p.m.