

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2023

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held January 24, 2023 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by Vice President Reggie St. John at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with seven board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-President - Reggie St. John; Secretary - Scott Buckman; Treasurer - Patrick Halfhill; Terri Irons; Jessica Meyer; Kyle Uptegrove; Zac Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jake Simmons, Sherri Branson-Hurt

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Mark Spohn

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

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

VISITORS: none

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2022 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the January 24, 2023 FY 22/23 Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the January 24, 2023 Financial Reports including Detail Budget Report dated 01-19-2023 for Accounting Period 03-2023 pages 1, 2, 3, & 4; Revenue Report dated 01/19/2023 for Accounting Period 03/2023 pages 1 & 2; Balance Sheet dated 01/19/2023 for Accounting Period 03/2023 page 1; and Nate Williams' 2022-2023 Working Budget through 1-17-2023.

Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The Staff Reports were discussed.

The maintenance building has a roof, walls and windows.

The pickleball nets are up at Regent Park.

East Valley Park is open and the Lane of Lights displays are stored for the season. The Christmas Committee is updating the display lights to LED.

When asked about the solar lighting on the trails, a company reached out to Chad Clevenger regarding solar lighting in a few areas of Rainbow Trail.

Youth basketball games are being played.

Corey Greim will be leaving the Department and pursuing a new career. He has agreed to stay until the end of youth basketball season.

Piccadilly sold out in 23 minutes!

Century Park play area and gazebos are opened back up to the public. Powell Lake is still closed to the public because of the ongoing work.

With the anticipated opening of the outdoor pool, there are new and various jobs that are open, i.e. Aquatic Manager, Swim Coach, etc. Nate Williams will be headhunting at the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Conference in February.

Reggie St. John likes the new bike racks that have been installed by the Hall of Waters. Downtown Excelsior Partnership (DEP) paid for the concrete slab and the Parks and Recreation Department crew poured the concrete, mounted, painted and installed the bike racks. Landscaping continues.

After Siloam Springs Park, next to the Siloam Springs Church, is developed by the McElwee Family Foundation, the park will be donated to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

The purchase of the truck was approved by the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Christi Rice, Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation Board President, submitted a letter to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board requesting that Cassie Schutte be appointed to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation Board.

Discussion was held.

Terri Irons made the motion to approve the appointment of Cassie Schutte to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation Board. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed 7 - 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Nate Williams led the discussion on the Park and Recreation Foundation Bricks at Rainbow Splash Park. These are memorial bricks that can be purchased to honor or acknowledge a person. These bricks could be purchased to honor past Parks and Recreation Board members.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Municipal General Election is April 4, 2023. VOTE!

Nate Williams mentioned that he had been elected to the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association as Secretary/Treasurer for 2023 and will serve on the Executive Committee.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to adjourn the January 24, 2023 meeting of the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The January 24, 2023 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.