

# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 25, 2024**

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON  
JULY 23, 2024**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held June 25, 2024 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President - Jake Simmons, Vice President - Patrick Halfhill; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Scott Buckman; Kyle Uptegrove

Zac Wilkins arrived at 6:02

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Mark Bullimore, Terri Irons

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Reggie St. John

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON:** Eric Marshall arrived at 6:10

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

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Nays – 0

**VISITORS:** none

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the Naviline Financial Report and the Financial Reports dated June 17, 2024. Questions were asked and answered.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the Naviline Financial Report pages 1 - 2 and the Balance Sheet dated 6/17/2024 Accounting Period 08/2024, page 1; Detail Budget Report by Category dated 6/17/2024 for Accounting Period 8/2024, pages 1 - 3; Revenue Report dated 6/17/2024 for Accounting Period 8/2024, pages 1 - 2 as presented.

Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

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## **STAFF REPORTS**

Chad Clevenger was asked about vandalism - very little except for the DogiPot.

Alexis Blankenship announced that there will be an ESports launch on August 10 with a Mario Kart Tournament.

A Young Adult Pickleball Tournament will be held July 23 - 25 at the Regent Park pickleball courts.

The Baseball Clinic went great! Thanks to the Marcum's and all the ESHS Baseball Players. Received lots of positive comments.

AW Michael and Richie Marsh are offering a variety of tennis camps and events this summer.

Alexis Blankenship will be attending the Excelsior Springs Farmers Market tomorrow to promote the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department's programs, Parks and Rec month and signups for fall sports.

July is Parks and Rec Month!!

FEAT Performance is offering camps in June.

Numbers are substantial in June!

Nate Williams suggested that everyone watch and rewatch the short clip on the

Savannah Bananas that he included in his weekly report for June 14, 2024. Whatever is normal, do the Opposite! And take the time to be a Plus One (something extra). Example: ESPR t-ball participants will be at Rainbow Splash Park this Sunday! Find the Plus One!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Parks Committee will meet at 5 pm on July 23, 2024 before the July Board meeting to discuss the process of naming the new park on Milwaukee Street. Parks committee consists of Sherri-Branson Hurt, Zac Wilkins and Jake Simmons as an ex-officio member of each board.

The Finance Committee will meet in August. Committee members are Scott Buckman, Terri Irons, and Zac Wilkins. Jake Simmons is an ex-officio member of all boards.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on the adoption of the Park Naming Policy. The Park Naming Policy was discussed at the May Parks and Recreation Board. After the Parks and Recreation Board approves the Park Naming Policy, it will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to adopt the Park Naming Policy. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

July is Parks and Rec Month! Where You Belong is the theme for the month. Nate Williams distributed Passports to the Board for the youth for activities planned.

The Board meeting was paused to take a Board picture.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

A new board member has been selected by the Mayor and will be sworn in. They are scheduled to be at the August meeting.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to adjourn the June 25, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 6

– 0. A show of hands vote was taken: motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins      Nays – 0

President Jake Simmons adjourned the June 25, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 6:57 p.m.