

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 28, 2021 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with nine board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Jake Simmons; Vice President – Patrick Halfhill; Secretary – Jessica Meyer; Treasurer – Zac Wilkins; Scott Buckman; Christy Marker; Susan McAuliffe; Reggie St. John; Kyle Uptegrove

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Stephen Spear

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

VISITORS: none

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Reggie St, John seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Nate Williams' FY 20-21 Working Financial Budget through September 15, 2021 was discussed. Rainbow Splash Park information has been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for Financial Review. Questions were asked and answered.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve Nate Williams' FY 20-21 Working Financial Budget as presented. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 9 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

The Staff Reports were discussed.

Corey Greim was hired full time as the Recreation Coordinator as of September 1.

Shirts for the youth sports were slow in being delivered to ESPR because the company did not receive the shirts due to truck driver shortage.

Jeff Barge had changes with the exercise classes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams reported on the National Recreation and Parks Conference that he attended in Nashville, Tennessee last week. There was no NRPA Conference last year and this year there were Covid protocols in place. This Conference was a hybrid version with a limit of 3,000 attendees with wellness checks every morning.

Nate attended in person and virtual sessions if the sessions were already full.

Robert Lemon discussed Customer Service and Community Service in one of the sessions. He broke down the different generations in one word: Baby Boomers - Respect; Gen X'ers - Trust; Millennials - Rewards, and Gen Z - Attention.

Another interesting session with Cosmos Wollan was The Secret Language of Seniors: Marketing to the 55+ Population. It dealt with what words or phrases to use or not use when marketing to Seniors in the Over 55 Age group.

Nate shared a video released at the NRPA Conference of a Cable Net Playground System. It is a cable system covered in nylon and damaged areas could be changed without having to completely replace the whole system.

He also looked at water features that used water but did not recycle it and used fresh water for operating the features.

The Parks and Recreation Foundation will be hosting the “That ‘70s” Piccadilly on April 2, 2022. Ticket presale will be in January.

The Foundation would like to add a new member - Marilyn Lynch. The Parks and Rec Board needs to approve the addition of the member. That approval was tabled to the October meeting because the approval was not on the agenda for this meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams texted Molly McGovern, City Manager, this afternoon about the Community Center and Parks and Recreation Department transition/combining of the Community Center and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The City Attorney is working on it. There is a meeting scheduled for October 5, 2021 with Molly McGovern, Nate Williams and the City Attorney.

The City Attorney will be looking into what other area departments have done, what has been successful, what was not successful and what the time frame could be.

Christy Marker will not be able to attend the October meeting and asked Nate Williams if he would set up a zoom meeting so that she can attend virtually.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. Jake Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The September 28, 2021 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.