

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 24, 2021

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held August 24, 2021 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by Vice President Patrick Halfhill at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President – Patrick Halfhill; Scott Buckman; Christy Marker; Susan McAuliffe; Reggie St. John

Jake Simmons and Zac Wilkins arrived at 6:10.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Meyer, Kyle Uptegrove

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Stephen Spear

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant

VISITORS: Kane Marker

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Christy Marker seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John, Nays – 0

Christy Marker made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 5 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 5 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Reggie St. John Nays – 0

The Revenue Committee met on August 17, 2021 to discuss the FY 2021-2022 Budget. The Revenue Committee approved of the FY 21-22 Budget that is being presented to the Board tonight. Suggested projects for FY 21-22: Butterfly Garden/Haven at Milwaukee Street Park space; replacement of the John Deere 1445 mower; Rainbow Splash Park expansion; seal Rainbow Trail; rebid the 1-ton flatbed truck with a snow plow and trade in the F250 truck with the snow plow; and build a maintenance building.

Jake Simmons and Zac Wilkins arrived at 6:10 pm.

Reggie St. John made the motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Budget as presented and submit it to the City Council for approval. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

STAFF REPORTS

Nate Williams updated the Board on Rainbow Splash Park. Rainbow Splash Park is open. The Clay County Public Health Department did a surprise inspection; had some issues with the chemical balance of the water but that has been resolved; and learning curves with the patrons and staff. There is a possibility of looking into a security camera system for Rainbow Splash Park.

After this week, Rainbow Splash Park will be closed during the week. It will be open on Saturdays and Sundays until it gets cold. Reservations will be taken only one week in advance.

Corey Greim, Recreation Coordinator Assistant, has youth soccer and volleyball coaches' meetings scheduled for this week. He has met with Excelsior Springs elementary physical education instructors about having sign up forms available for the youth at the schools.

Corey Greim also has a meeting scheduled with the Excelsior Springs School District Athletic Department regarding facility use and protocols.

The Senior Center continues to offer meals and exercise classes. Homebound meals are delivered by the Mid America Regional Council.

There have been people living in the East Valley/Siloam Mountain Park area and under the Isley Street viaduct by Piburn Field along the walktrail. Maintenance crew talked with them and the police will talk to them when they see them. Parks close at dusk therefore it is not legal for anyone to be in the parks after dusk..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Revenue Committee met. The meeting information was covered in the Finance/Budget section.

OLD BUSINESS

Rainbow Splash Park is open and being used.

The report for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant is due within 60 days from when the project is finished, and Rainbow Splash Park was finished and opened on August 13, 2021.

When asked about the expenses for Rainbow Splash Park, at this time \$645,429.38 has been spent.

Stephen Spear asked about the winterization of Rainbow Splash Park. Nate Williams replied that the installers will assist the Department with the winterization.

NEW BUSINESS - none

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nate Williams informed the ESPR Board that the City of Excelsior Springs is following the mandates of the Clay County Public Health Department in regards to mask mandates.

The Excelsior Springs School District mask mandates are different from the County so when the Parks and Recreation Department uses the school facilities, ESPR will follow the school mandates.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. Jake Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The August 24, 2021 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.