

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
MARCH 26, 2024**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held February 27, 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 eight board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Jake Simmons; Vice President - Patrick Halfhill; Secretary - Terri Irons; Sherri Branson-Hurt; Scott Buckman; Jessica Meyer; Kyle Uptegrove; Zac Wilkins

MEMBER ABSENT: Mark Bullimore

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; Alexis Blankenship – Recreation Coordinator

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hand vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

VISITOR: none

Scott Buckman made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer,

Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Discussion was held on the February 27, 2024 FY 23/24 Financial Reports. Questions were asked and answered.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the February 27, 2024 Financial Reports including: Balance Sheet date 2-22-2024 for Accounting Period 04/2024, page 1; Detail Budget Report by Category dated 2/22/2024 for Accounting Period 4/2024, pages 1 - 4; Revenue Report dated 2/22/2024 for Accounting Period 4/2024, pages 1 - 2; and Nate Williams' 2023-2024 Working Budget through 2/22/2024 as presented.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Parks Maintenance is looking for full time employees.

Nate Williams mentioned that an individual is interested in building/constructing a single track, off road mountain bike track, hiking trail, etc. Nate Williams will continue research.

Alexis Blankenship added to her Recreation Report. Youth soccer has 121 youth and is in need of coaches; volleyball has 51 youth and Tigers-N-Training has 43 participants.

Youth baseball/softball registration opens March 4. Women's volleyball tentatively will start April 3.

A.W. Michael and Richie Marsh will be conducting the Youth and Adult Tennis Leagues. Spring to Fall with seven sessions - 5 year olds to adults.

The Excelsior Springs Parks, Recreation and Community Center is partnering with the Excelsior Springs High School Student Council to host a Special Olympics Track Meet for area youth on May 13, 2024. Alexis Blankenship said that the Student Council members researched other Special Olympics programs.

Plans are to offer additional after school swim intramurals for the Middle School with Richie Marsh and Jamie Pennington's assistance. There were 12 participants in the first session.

Lexi will graduate with her Recreation Degree in December!!

Nate Williams and Drake Pollard are working on a contract with Purple Wave - a youth recreational swim club to utilize the competition pool.

The HomeSchool PE program starts next week at the Community Center. It is a curriculum based program.

Nate Williams is in search of several volunteers for the Piccadilly.

The Department could possibly have a summer intern.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams discussed the junction box and special curb inlet bid tabulation sheet for Milwaukee Park. Since the bids are within the amount that Nate Williams can approve, there is no need to vote on these. The Department will be using EM Precast of Gower, MO for the junction box and special curb inlet.

Two bids were received for the storm and sanitary sewer hook ups. One company returned a bid for all items on the bid sheet.

Staff recommendation is to accept the bid from KC Winwater for \$18,829.44 for parts for the storm sewer hook up and the sanitary sewer hook up. Discussion was held.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the bid from KC Winwater for \$18,829.44 for parts for the storm sewer hook up and the sanitary sewer hook up.

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

Nate Williams received a Letter of Intent for the Potential Sale of Land for Rainbow Splash Park from Pastor Shannon Greene. The First United Methodist Church of Excelsior Springs land that adjoins the land at Rainbow Splash Park was discussed.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to accept the Letter of Intent for the Potential Sale of

Land for Rainbow Splash Park. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jake Simmons reiterated that the Parks and Recreation Department is looking for 1) full time maintenance staff, 2) youth soccer coaches and 3) volunteers for the Piccadilly.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to adjourn the February 27, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Terri Irons, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

President Jake Simmons adjourned the February 27, 2024 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 7:12 p.m.