

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 23, 2019**

**CORRECTIONS MADE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 28, 2019**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held April 23, 2019 was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1803 hours.

Roll call was taken with six board members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President – Reggie St. John; Secretary – Zac Wilkins; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Patrick Halfhill; Don Ledford; Scott Smith

Susan McAuliffe arrived at 1807 hours. Jake Simmons arrived at 1812 hours.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christy Marker

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** absent

**VISITOR:** Kimberely Blackburn, The Excelsior Springs Standard

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nate Williams – Director; Chad Clevenger – Parks Superintendent; Kendra Beaver, Recreation Coordinator; Janet Morehead – Administrative Assistant

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zac Wilkins seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

Don Ledford made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 6 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 6 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

The Financial Report was discussed. Various questions were asked and answered.

Susan McAuliffe arrived at 1807 hours.

Jake Simmons arrived at 1812 hours.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the Financial Report and FY 2018-2019 Budget Report dated March 31, 2019 and prepared April 5, 2019 as presented. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

## **STAFF REPORT**

Reggie St. John noticed that Chad Clevenger got brave and took the snow blades off.

Mowing has started!

Jake Simmons mentioned that the parks are being used a bunch and the parks look good!

Century Bark has had the entrance gate latches sprung and someone made deep six inch tracks by the human water fountain. Everything that needed to be sown and strawed has been. There are some major wet areas inside and outside Century Bark. Grass is growing! There is a possibility of getting rocks to line the new drive.

Kendra Beaver pursued a partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods through their Community Programs, and was awarded such! Dick's Sporting Goods has sent discount coupons for the coaches to give to their players. Dick's Sporting Goods will track the spending of those coupons. Dick's Sporting Goods also sent catchers equipment, bags, scorebooks, first aid kits, and batting tees.

ESPR is also working with Liberty Parks and Recreation Department to purchase used tournament baseballs. These would be used for practice balls. Kendra Beaver was able to purchase 10 dozen balls for \$10.00 per dozen.

The Egg Hunt was April 20. There was approximately 325 youth hunting for nearly 7,000 eggs. Talented Tots assisted with the eggs and supplied volunteers for the Hunt. The Excelsior Springs Community Center provided special prizes.

Kendra Beaver informed the Board that youth baseball and softball registrations have started.

Friday night, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm will be the next ESports tournament featuring Mario Kart. It is a Friday night. Kendra is trying to get more families involved. ESports tournament are being planned for every other month. The Gregg Williams Foundation is a sponsor. T-shirts will be given to participants.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – none**

A Parks Committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for May 14 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Parks Committee members are: Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, and Don Ledford. Reggie St. John is an ex-officio member of the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Over \$34,000 was raised by the Splish Splash It's a Splash Park Bash! held on April 6, 2019! April 18, 2020 is the projected date for the next Piccadilly!

The Earth Day Community Cleanup on April 13, 2019 had a record of number of 116 volunteers! Thank you to all the volunteers including the scout groups, school groups, Job Corps, adult groups and the approximately 600 Excelsior Springs Middle Schoolers. Thanks to the Excelsior Springs Rotary Club for feeding the volunteers! A suggestion was made to have a cleanup every six months. That idea will be explored.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Report was reviewed. Patrick Halfhill made the motion to approve the Annual Report as written. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Annual Report will be presented to the City Council on May 6, 2019.

The Eddie Raper Park parking lot was discussed. It needs to be resurfaced. Chad Clevenger has talked to Brent Bishop, Public Works Assistant Director, and Public Works plans to resurface Seybold Road. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to “piggyback” onto the Public Works project since it is right around the corner.

General consensus of the Board was to talk with Brent Bishop and let him know that the Parks and Recreation Department would like the resurfacing of the Eddie Raper Park parking lot to be included in their bid. Cost would be approximately \$21,520.00 for the asphalt work. The Parks and Rec crew would do any concrete work necessary.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Zac Wilkins thanked Nate Williams and Kendra Beaver for purchasing the shorter soccer goals for the younger soccer players. The players seem to really like them. Zac does!

Reggie St. John informed that Board that Christy Marker's, Susan McAuliffe's and Scott Smith's terms expire on May 31, 2019. Scott Smith has elected not to be reappointed.

Christy and Susan will need to let Reggie or Mayor Eales know if they want to be reappointed. If you know of potential board members, please have them fill out the City of Excelsior Springs Board/Volunteer Application and submit it to the City Manager's office so it can be given to the Mayor.

Patrick Halfhill made the motion to close the meeting and go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) Personnel. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Scott Smith, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

There will be a short break before the closed session

Parks and Rec Director Nate Williams was asked stay during the closed session.

President Reggie St. John called the closed session open.

Scott Smith left at 1901 hours.

Sherri Branson-Hurt made the motion to come out of closed session at 1958 hours. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Branson-Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins  
Nays – 0

The April 23, 2019 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.