

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2020

THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON FEB 25, 2020.

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held January 28, 2020, was called to order by President Reggie St. John at 1803 hours.

Roll call was taken with nine board members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Reggie St. John; Vice President – Jake Simmons; Secretary – Patrick Halfhill; Treasurer – Sherri Branson-Hurt; Scott Buckman; Don Ledford; Christy Marker; Susan McAuliffe; Zac Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Sharon Powell

VISITORS: Christi Rice, Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Foundation President

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

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

Christi Rice was introduced. She will be presenting in New Business – Parks and Rec Foundation Update.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

The Financial Reports were discussed. Various questions were asked and answered. Susan McAuliffe made the motion to accept the Financial Reports and FY 2019-2020

Budget Report dated December 31, 2019 and prepared January 12, 2020 as presented.

Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 9 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – Sherri Branson-Hurt, Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Don Ledford, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jake Simmons, Reggie St. John, Zac Wilkins
Nays – 0

STAFF REPORT

When asked about the graffiti in the parks, it is obnoxious. The trails have had some people tracks after the snows but not many. The new compact track loader is working good and is being used. The weather has slowed down work on the Splash Park and projects. Lane Arnold has been hired as a Maintenance 1.

Kendra Beaver, Recreation Coordinator, prepared a January Recreation Recap and a January Social Media Recap for the Board. Updates for the Recreation Recap included information on youth basketball, Rocket League Tournament, Parks and Rec Trivia Night, Frozen Diamond Tournament, KC MESA Tournament, presenting at MPRA Conference, FIFA 20 tournament, Gladstone's first esports tournament, and William Jewell basketball game.

The Social Recap included Wolf Wednesdays, Player and Coach of the Week, Facebook and Instagram, ESPR Activity Bingo, and the introduction of EStaban, ESPR's first mascot! Super Smash Bros tournament will be March 14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

Plans are to have committees start meeting in March and have a special Board meeting in February and invite the Parks and Recreation Foundation to review the Splash Park bids. Bids for the Splash Park are due January 31. Nate will compile the information. The Parks and Recreation Board and the Parks and Recreation Foundation will meet on February 11, 2020 to review the results of the bids.

OLD BUSINESS

The second quarterly report for the Rainbow Splash Park is due January 31, it has been emailed and is on target.

Nate Williams updated the Board on the Rainbow Splash Park. There were three companies that requested walkthroughs of the Rainbow Splash Park before bidding.

Nate met with Pastor Laura Blevins of the Methodist Church and discussed the Rainbow Splash Park parking lot. The Methodist Church currently uses the parking lot as a pass

