

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2022

**THIS IS A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON
APRIL 26, 2022**

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting held March 22, 2022 at the Excelsior Springs Community Center was called to order by President Jake Simmons at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call was taken at 6:04 with eight board members present.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Reggie St. John

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: absent

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Williams – Director; Chad Clevenger – Parks and Open Space Manager; Janet Morehead Administrative Assistant

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Patrick Halfhill seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

VISITORS: none

Jessica Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting as presented. Kyle Uptegrove seconded the motion, motion passed, 8 – 0. A show of hands vote was taken: Ayes – 8 – Scott Buckman, Patrick Halfhill, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0

Nate Williams' FY 21-22 Operating/Working Financial Budget through March 16, 2022 was discussed. Questions were asked and answered.

The Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department received reimbursement from MPR for the June 25, 2021 flood expenses.

Kyle Uptegrove made the motion to approve Nate Williams' FY 21-22 Operating/Working Financial Budget through March 16, 2022 as presented. Susan McAuliffe seconded the motion, motion passed, 7 – 0 – 1. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – 7 – Scott Buckman, Christy Marker, Susan McAuliffe, Jessica Meyer, Jake Simmons, Kyle Uptegrove, Zac Wilkins Nays – 0 Abstained – 1 – Patrick Halfhill – wants to have the City of Excelsior Springs Finance Office's Budget report before he approves any budget

STAFF REPORTS

The Staff Reports were discussed.

Chad Clevenger explained the Park Art in Century Bark. It is a 14' tall flower with two bees. It is made from recycled playground pieces. Fabrication was done in house on inclement weather days. Kyle Uptegrove suggested that a plaque be installed explaining that recycled playground pieces were used and who was involved.

Youth recreational spring soccer has 177 participants up from 145 in the spring of 2021; youth intro to competitive soccer has 63 participants up from 15 in the spring of 2021; and youth volleyball has 56 participants. Youth volleyball was not offered in the Spring of 2021 because of Covid and no access to the school gyms. Spring youth recreation is off to a good start!

Women's volleyball has 8 teams this spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OLD BUSINESS

Jake Simmons shared information that he had researched regarding the property at the Airport. Jake will discuss it further when Councilman Stephen Spear is in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Nate Williams updated the Board on the City of Excelsior Springs Personnel Policy Revisions as adopted by the City Council on March 7, 2022. As an incentive, all full time staff and part time staff working 500 hours in a calendar year, will receive free membership to the Community Center. This will start on April 1, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Day 2022 is scheduled for April 23, 2022 from 9:00 am until noon. Staging/start area is the Carolyn Schutte Park at the corner of Broadway and Marietta. Nate Williams will get the needed permits.

“That 70’s Piccadilly” is April 2, 2022. The Piccadilly will be raising money for an all ability playground for the park on Milwaukee Street. Nate Williams will research and apply for grants for the park.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Patrick Halfhill asked if the youth policies at the Community Center were helping to curb the damage and issues. Nate Williams responded that attitudes have improved and the destruction has curbed. Staff is building rapport with youth. Empowering employees to deal with issues. Adult usage has increased in the evenings.

Nate Williams had hoped to share renderings of the Community Center Phase II with the Community Center Board and the Parks and Recreation Board before introducing it to the community but it has not arrived yet. As soon as Nate receives it, he will email it.

Having no other business, Jake Simmons asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Susan McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Buckman seconded the motion, motion passed.

Jake Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The March 22, 2022 Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.