

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes for Feb. 25, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Present:

Board Members: Bill Ertel, Kristin Wiley, Samantha Wilder, Jennifer Sanders

Staff: Seth Jones

Guests:

1. Approve Minutes - Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes. Kristin seconds. All approved the minutes.
2. Old Business -
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3. New Business
 - Scheduling and Hours: Seth said that we are not the worst department. Sam said that Nikki came to us last fall and told us the problem still existed. Seth said that he thought part of the problem was Greg wasn't putting the comp time in Kronos. Samantha said that Comp time seemed to be ok, but the scheduling more than 40 hours per week might be a problem. Jennifer just said that we need to be responsible with the overtime.
 - Samantha asked if the employees had gotten their bonuses from the remainder of what was in the funds for salaries after the former director left.
 - Seth said that he went back and checked all the non reverting Funds and they all matched up.
4. Director's Report -
 - Seth wants \$5,000 for the Splash Pad for non Reverting Fund.
 - Seth has been advertising the Maintenance Supervisor Position. \$39,000+, There have been 4 people apply. Seth is going to start calling people.
 - NLT: We need to meet with Wayne and Brad about maintenance of Trails. Kristin will contact them about that.
 - Seth got the Google accounts back.
 - A longterm camper left early. Seth asked if we should refund the rest of the money. Bill made a motion to establish a policy going forward to update the

contract. He stated he thought that we should not refund the month if they prepay. Kristin seconded. All voted in favor.

- Community Garden: They haven't started it yet due to weather.
- Splash Pad: We are on the schedule with Spear Corp. for April 14, and then May 15. The goal is to have it up and working by Memorial Day. Seth asked us for \$5,000 out non reverting fund. Kristin made a motion to use those funds. Jennifer Seconded. All voted in favor.
- Playground mulch: Seth asked for \$3,000 out of non reverting funds at some point for playgrounds.
- No Climbing Signs. Seth asked if we should go ahead and take care of it. We had a discussion if we are paying for that or if the county council will. We decided to go ahead and get quotes for the signs.
- ECO Park: Seth will contact Jack's Johns for porta pots for May- October.
- Culverts at ECO Park: Day and Son gave a quote of \$1400 for digging out the culverts. That might be a Bandaid. Seth thinks we need to put a new bigger culvert later. Samantha made a motion to use \$1400 out of the non reverting fund. Bill seconded. Everyone voted in favor.
- Aquatic Treatment: Seth said it ended up being \$10,000 last year and he would like to take that out of Non Reverting in the Future.
- Two trees have been taken down by Otero.
- Signs: Shaw will make 11 signs for us. Seth gave him the green light to go ahead.
- Explorer: No bids have come in yet since November. Seth will reach out to Ebbing to see what he will give us.
- Scag 2025: We purchased new mower from Lett's \$16,399 paid from non reverting. Scag 29-I was repaired paid out of Repairs.
- Researching new trucks: initially estimated \$30,000. Seth is finding some for \$15,000-\$17,000.

Seth wants to do a disc golf in the future at the park.

5. Next Meeting -March 25, 2025 at the government Center (that is spring break!)
6. Adjournment - Kristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28. Bill seconded.

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