

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes for January 28, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:49 PM

Present:

Board Members: Bill Ertel, Avis McGovern, Kristin Wiley, Samantha Wilder,

Staff: Seth Jones

Guests: Megan Jones, Kevin Ertel

1. Approve Minutes - Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes. Kristin seconds. All approved the minutes.
2. Old Business -
 - Trail invoice paid? Seth said that the invoice has been taken care of.
3. New Business
 - Avis offered Seth the job. He accepted the job. Now that he has accepted we need to contact auditor so that Seth's pay will be increased. He will then get back pay for a few weeks.
 - Election of the new officers. Avis opened the floor for nominations. Sam nominated Avis for President. Bill seconded. Avis Accepted. We voted unanimously.
 - Avis nominated Sam for Vice President. Kristin seconded. Sam accepted. We voted unanimously.
 - Sam nominated Kristin for Secretary. Avis seconded. Kristin accepted. We voted unanimously.
 - Civil War battle park usage. Seth is going to meet closer to april. It is all ok, Seth just will work out the details.
 - Budget: Seth said that Avis's numbers were different than his. Avis asked for the corrected 2025 budget from the auditor.
 - Avis asked about a meeting seth went to. Seth went to a Safety meeting. Nikki, David Moore from Shepherd Insurance, and some department personnel.
4. Director's Report -
 - We need to start advertising for maintenance supervisor position. Avis asked if Seth was comfortable hiring the new person. Seth said that he would like to do it since he has

- Camp Hosts: Mark is at Eco from June to January. Eco is closed currently. Seth is going to have
- Seth has received the back pay.
- Bonuses? Waiting on final numbers.
- NLT: \$150,000 has been paid. Seth said that initially the park staff was supposed to maintain it. He said that they are against that because it is technically not the
- Snow removal: The Park roads are still bad. The county high way department did not do it. Avis said that she would reach out and see if we needed to get a contract going forward.
- Community Garden is moving by the playground. Megan Ayers is making it a little bigger. Avis is going to connect to Wayside Inn and see if they want to use it also.
- Upgrading the Camprground? Put that on the back burner.
- Splash Pad: Get us on the Spring Schedule. Seth wants them to finalize it. Seth reached out to Indiana Pool and Spas. Greg has it budgeted for \$5,000. Should we have a separate account?
- Sewage Pumps: Still need to have our back up repaired or buy a new back up pump.
- Climbing signs were stolen.Seth had Imagination Graphics mock up of the signs. Avis will go to a County Council Meeting and see what they want done.
- Eco Lake Porta Pottys: Jack's Johns is \$200.00 per month. they have ADA compliant. April through October. Take it out of Custodial account.
- Aquatic Control: 2024 is paid for and done.
- Equipment: bought new hedge trimmers.
- Kristin made a motion to approve the purchase of a new SCAG for \$16,399. Bill Seconded. The board voted unanimously
- Avis wanted to reiterate that the staff needs to claim mileage when they are using their own vehicles.
- Events:
 - Sassafras Festival, April 25-27
 - Barber's Bikes June 21
 - DINO July 11-13
 - HS XC Ray Gerkin Memorial Sept 20
 - BMW Sept 25
 - JCMS XC Sept?
 - NICA Bike Race Oct 3-4
 - Toy Drive Chestnut Community Toy Drive: We decided not to donate the dining hall fee.

5. Next Meeting -Feb. 25, 2025 at the government Center

6. Adjournment - Kristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27. Bill seconded.

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Bill Ertel

Avis McGovern

Samantha Wilder

Kristin Wiley

Jennifer Sanders
