

Jennings County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Nov 26, 2024
5:30 at the Jennings County Government Center

Present:

Board members: Bill Ertel, Avis McGovern, Jennifer Sanders, Samantha Wilder

Staff: Seth Jones

1. Approve Minutes - Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes with Bill seconding. All approved the minutes.

2. Old Business -
 - a. Interim director compensation - Seth had a pay increase as of 10/21/23. He needs to be paid retroactively starting on 9/9/24 for taking over the interim park director role. Auditor reported needing approval from the park board, but did not say how to give the approval. Avis will send an email to check on this. Board was in approval of Seth getting the pay he is entitled to receive.

3. New Business
 - a. Trail Invoice/Claim - Non reverting fund as of this date was 234,000.51 which includes the 150,000 for NLT grant. Seth's amount in the ledger was different and he will be checking his ledger to the printed budget amounts from the auditor.
 - b. Director Position posting/ advertisement - Bill made a motion that we offer the Park Director position to Seth at current pay, knowing that pay next year

will be addressed. The current board members will be in contact with the county council members about the possible change in current budget, as they had no input on the budget with the prior director. Jennifer seconded the motion. Seth would like to think about the position and speak with his wife. The board was in agreement.

4. Director's Report - see directors report - November 2024

-no camp host at Eco Lake Park - park will be closed for the winter. There has been damage at Eco to the kiosk for the second time. Doors were ripped off and plexiglass stolen.

-talked about porta potties for Eco Lake. Seth is getting quotes from Planck and Jack's Johns.

-Discussed splash pad. Seth reported still having issues with UV light. It worked in the beginning of the year but got worse all year. The budget for the pad is set at 5000/year. Seth anticipates ongoing problems with the pad due to placement and design.

-new "no climbing" signs are needed for the park. All three of the previous signs have been stolen.

5. Approve Claims

-no claims

6. Guest comments

7. Next Meeting: Jan, 28, 2024

8. Adjournment - Samantha made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jennifer seconding. All voted in favor of adjourning.