

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes for April 22, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Present:

Board Members: Avis McGovern, Bill Ertel, Kristin Wiley

Staff: Seth Jones

Guests: Pat Dickerson, Linda Dickerson

1. Approve Minutes - Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Avis seconded.
2. Old Business -
 - Avis asked about whether Kristin had talked to Brad about trail maintenance. Kristin reported that she had reached out to Wayne and Brad. They were both understanding and open to having someone besides the park staff maintain the trail. Brad said that Vernon has a newly formed Park Board so to give them a few months and then they will see what they can do.
 - Ribbon Cutting at the Vernon Commons
 - River Clean up Saturday as well.
3. New Business
4. Director's Report -
 - Bonuses– Seth and employees are still waiting.
 - Seth said that there is a discrepancy between the auditor's report of the directors account. Waiting to talk to the auditor to figure out the discrepancy. About \$4,000
 - Long term camping: Seth said he has a long term camper that has already paid for May but is not going to stay at all. Seth asked if he could refund his money. The board agreed that they could.
 - Auditor sent out an email that they need to submit capital improvements list. Seth made a list of capital improvements for the next 6 years: Eco Lake Water Treatment, Bridge installation, bobcat, scag mower, Park Director Vehicle, Misc. Rock and Stone, Splash Pad

- Seth talked with Tim Hunt at HWC about Master Plan and they will get a 10 year master plan in place. They also talked about surveillance at both parks. Seth said that they said the city's master plan cost 65,000 dollars.
- Seth asked about a Liason for the council. Avis suggested that Seth find someone on the council that he feels comfortable with.
- Spear came out on April 15. They need to replace the ballast in the UV panel. They are ordering one. Also the chemical feeders have lost their flow. Hopefully it will be up and running by Memorial Day.
- Vinegar Mill Replacement: Bradshaw waiting on quote. Harmon waiting on quote. They want to just jack it up and support it more. Kova Submitted a quote for \$5,000. Seth has a meeting this week with them to hear about their quote.
- Inlet and Overflow- Still having issues with clogging. Darrick Byers wants to create a program for students at New Tech in Columbus. The idea is to have the students build a "Human created beaver dam". Seth wants to walk the property with Darrick to get a better idea of what is going on.
- Kristin made a motion to allocate \$10,251 for aquatic control for curleyleaf pondweed and Duckweed and Watermeal. Bill seconded. Motion passed by board 3-0.
- Fish survey- Last report was 2011. Will continue to be stocked as scheduled.

5. Events:

- Flat Rock Hawcreek Replay-fishing tournament now scheduled for September. They will meet with Seth in July. We will donate Shelter House if necessary. Fishing from the bank (no Boats). Children under 17 do not need a permit.

6. Next Meeting - May 27, 2025 at the government center

7. Adjournment - Kristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28. Bill seconded.

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Avis McGovern

Samantha Wilder

Kristin Wiley

Jennifer Sanders
