

## Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes for August 26, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Kristin Wiley

Present:

Board Members: Bill Ertel, Jennifer Sanders, Kristin Wiley

Staff: Seth Jones

Guests: Alex Wallace, Isaac Fry

1. Approve Minutes - Bill Ertel makes a motion to approve the May 27 minutes as written. Jennifer seconded. April meeting minutes can't be approved yet because the people in attendance tonight weren't in attendance that night. At the next meeting we will need to approve the April meeting minutes, the June Meeting minutes, and the August meeting minutes.
2. Old Business -
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3. New Business
  - Splash Pad is set to stay open for Monday, Labor Day, but then close on the day after, Tuesday. Board said that that is good with them. Kristin asked if it has gone better and Seth said that yes, it has been much better. It has been open all year.. DOH says that you have to have two consecutive failed tests to shut it down and we didn't have two consecutive tests. We had two failed tests all summer but they weren't consecutive.
  - Campground at Eco Park. Shut it down on November 1st and open it back up April 1st. The board agreed that was a good idea.
4. Director's Report -
  - Bonuses- We will have a little over \$9,000. Seth said that this has been at the top of the agenda all year and he doesn't want his staff to miss out this time. He wants to get this wrapped up in the next few months. Seth said that he would go ahead and set up a meeting with Avis and Sarah Able to get this straightened out. The board stated that they support this.

- Splash Pad- \$7,656 has been spent so far so it is a little under budget. Budget was 10,000 for the season.
- Kronos- Sarah Abel said that we are switching timekeeping system.
- Next Level Trails- Brad suggested that Vernon give maintenance ownership of the easements to the JCPR of Strawberry Fields. Kristin said that she would contact Brad and talk with him.
- Master Plan- Seth found a couple of Greg's binders. Right now it is too busy to deal with this but it needs to be done.
- Grounds: Plaster fell from the ceiling in the park office. Building inspector said that it isn't water damage. It is just old age. Roof doesn't need to be replaced. If it was roof damage, Seth said he would go to the counsel and ask for money, but since the quotes are low we can just get that out of non reverting. Bill made a motion to to repair or replace the ceiling for \$2000 or less out of non reverting. Jennifer Seconded.
- E-One Pumps- Camp ground pump went bad on 8/4/25. Seth had just bought one on 7/16/25 for \$880. Paid for out of Building and grounds. Seth contacted a company called Covalen that specializes in E-one pumps. They came out and checked all three pumps and said they are all ok. Still have one rebuilt pump as back up for emergencies.
- Playground Mulch- has been spread and paid for. It looks good.
- Swing set is damaged. Will try to repair or remove.
- Shelter House 5 Frost Proof hydrant was leaking. Replaced on 8/12/25
- Shelter House 2- a mentally unstable individual ripped the frostproof hydrant out of the ground. We need to replace the hydrant. The person has been banned from the park.
- Eco Lake Park- Campground water leak it was "fixed" by Day and Son but it is leaking again. Just found that out today.
- Inlet and Overflow- Aquatic Control will be Trapping Beavers \$1300 per week. Should be done in one maybe two weeks. There is enough money in Building and Grounds for this if it only takes a couple of weeks, if it is longer, might have to use another fund.
- Dump Station- ETC replaced the floats and we are waiting on invoice
- Electrical issues- 7 different sites have electrical issues ETC fixed the issues in all 7 sites at no charge.
- Signs- Shaw memorial is still working on them.
- Non Reverting Fund- the only thing left that should be pulled out for the rest of the year might be a couple thousand. Based off of last years numbers, Seth hopes that we pull in 30,000 more to put in non reverting.
- Equipment
  - i. 2018 Dodge Ram broke down the day after we bought it. Ron's Auto replaced the fuel pump 682.24. It broke down again. Seth sent it to the Dodge dealership.
  - ii. Scag 29 - need to replace the motor. Going to hold off on the repairs. Seth suggested that maybe we just purchase a new one in the future.

5. Events:

- Aug and Sept - JCMS CC
- Sept. 20 HS Ray Gerkin Memorial CC
- Sept 25-28 BMW Hoosier Beemers
- Oct. 3-4 NICA bike race. Returning for a second year.
- Oct. 17-19- McCormick Creek Crew.

6. Comments from the guests: Isaac Fry said that he just wanted to reiterate that they are looking for their bonuses. It is coming up on a year and they are still waiting. Bill said that he wanted them to that we understand the frustration. Kristin said that she wanted to apologize for the delay and that if it was up to the board, that we would have handed them out much sooner. He said that he appreciated it.

7. Next Meeting - Sept 23, 2025 at the government center

8. Adjournment - Jennifer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12. Bill seconded.

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Bill Ertel

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Samantha Wilder

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Kristin Wiley

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