

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Present:

Board Members: Samantha Wilder, Bill Ertel, Jennifer Sanders

Staff: Seth Jones

1. Approve Minutes - Bill made a motion to approve the May minutes. Samantha seconded.
2. Old Business
Brad Bender suggested that Vernon give ownership of the easements to JCPR. Vernon would maintain their property and JCPR would maintain the easements. Seth was hesitant to take on the entire length of easement. Talks regarding care of these areas will continue.
3. New Business
4. Director's Report
 - Bonuses - Seth and employees are still waiting to see what can be done.
 - Seth reported that the director's account was short. Sarah Abel instructed Seth to transfer money from the park assistant's account to make up the difference needed in the director's account. Seth did as he was instructed.
 - Seth got a quote for Morgan's Lawncare to order, deliver and spread mulch at both Muscatatuck and Eco Lake parks. The quote for all was \$10,850. Seth asked for approval to take funds from nonreverting, as staff would not be able to maintain both parks and complete all mulch work during summer hours.
 - Seth discussed the master plan. He talked with Tim Hunt from HWC regarding completion of the master plan. Tim sent Seth a copy of the North Vernon City Park Master plan. Seth thought Tim was going to give him a quote, while Tim thought Seth was going to get back with him to let him know what the park was looking for regarding ideas, projects, pricing. Seth will continue to look into the master plan.
 - 2026 budget due on 6/30/25. Seth wants increased wages for his crew, as he feels they will apply for other jobs outside the county due to low wages. Seth would like to get Alex to 40,000 and Paul and Isaac to 37,000. He was going to request an account specifically for the splash pad of 10,000. He increased the amounts for office supplies to 3,000, equipment and repair to 5,000, and uniforms to 1,000.

- Splash pad has run well all summer. E-one pump is being repaired at a cost of \$880. Will take from building and grounds.
- Working to repair bath house vandalism at Eco Lake. Looking for materials needed to reinstall the partitions. Plan to purchase trail cameras.
- Beavers have been found to cause the problems with the inlet/overflow. Researching trappers for beaver removal.
- ETC completed improvements on the Dump Station and replaced the floats. Looking to have them fix the conduit that was not installed properly. This may all be under warranty. The company who installed the dump station never returned calls.
- ETC also inspected all breakers at the sites that were having issues and replaced them with no charge. ETC said to contact them with any further issues.
- Still waiting on Shaw Monuments for the signs for Eco Lake Park.
- Continue to have problems with 2018 Dodge Ram - randomly will not start. Working to find a solution. Finally got registration info after 3 months. Still do not have tags.
- Scag 29 needs a new motor. Holding off on repair. Will cost at least \$4000.

5. Next Meeting - July 22, 2005

6. Adjournment - Sam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35. Bill seconded.