

## Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes for Sept 23, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center. We had the meeting outside on the porch due to no key. We could not record the meeting because we were outside.

Meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM by Samantha Wilder

Present:

Board Members: Bill Ertel, Jennifer Sanders, Kristin Wiley, Samantha Wilder

Staff: Seth Jones, Alex Wallace, Isaac Fry

Guests:

1. Approve Minutes - We did approve the August meeting minutes. We still need to approve minutes for April and June.
2. Old Business -
  - Seth said that the county council said that they never give bonuses when employees leave. They said that that opens other departments to do the same thing. Seth said that he recommends that we take it out of non reverting fund. There was a discussion about amounts that would be fair. Kristin suggested \$500 per month for each month that they were down a man. Bill stated that would equal \$3000 each for Isaac and Paul. Alex was not here at that time so he would not get the stipend. Seth said that he got a raise when he took over the director position so he didn't need the stipend. Bill made a motion that we give a stipend to Paul and Isaac in the amount of \$3000 each. Kristin seconded that. Samantha and Jennifer voted in agreement. Seth said that he would type up a paper saying that they understand that this is a one time thing. He will email that to us so that we can check it. Seth will ask Nikki how to go about doing this.
3. New Business
4. Director's Report -
  - Beaver Removal- \$1300 per week. The first week Seth will take it out of building and grounds. If they have to go an extra week, they will take it out of non reverting. Kristin made a motion that if a second week is needed that they can take that out of non reverting. Bill seconded. All present voted in favor.
  - We have bond/capitol improvement money that we can use over the next 3 or 4 years. Eco Lake Treatments: \$10,000, Eco Trail Bridge: \$3,000

- NLT: Seth said they are putting a bench at Muscatatuck. He said that Brad reached out and wants to walk the trail with him. Seth said that when they do that they can talk about maintenance of the trail.
- Master Plan: Seth doesn't know how we want to tackle that. There was a discussion about how to do master plans, who might do it as a side gig, etc. Jennifer found a DNR Planning Guideline on [in.gov](http://in.gov). Seth said that he would look into it. Samantha said that we need to figure out who can be a resource and that this will be in the off season. Bill suggested that we table that until next meeting.
- Grounds: Plaster fell from the ceiling in the visitor's center so that needs to be fixed. 1st Choice Construction said that it would probably be 3-4 weeks before they could get started. We accepted the bid from 1st Choice Construction so we are just waiting for them to start.
- Splash Pad: It went pretty well this year. It is now shut down for the season. Seth plans to replace some of the blue surface material and nozzles during the off season.
- Shelter 2: Replaced the frost proof hydrant after being ripped from the ground.
- Campground will be closed November 3, 2025. That is contingent on weather.
- Campground water leak. Day and Sons said that it was related to the work they did before. They didn't charge us.
- Campground electrical Issues: 7 different sites were having issues. ETC fixed the issues at no extra charge.
- Equipment: 2018 Dodge Ram is finally working. Russ Hubler replaced the Fuel Pump Relay at \$481.10.
- Scag 29 is not working. Seth says he thinks that he will probably just buy a new one.
- Seth took Eco Shelter House off the web site for rentals. It is just first come first serve. It was more headache than it was worth since it is the only one out at Eco.

5. Events:

- Sept 25: CC
- Sept 25-28: BMW
- Oct 3-4: NICA Bike race returning for a second year.
- Oct. 17-19: McCormick Creek Crew

6. Comments from Guests: Isaac said that Seth asked at the Budget Meeting for more than cost of living increases, especially for Isaac because he is low man on the totem pole and makes what the janitorial staff in the county make. Isaac said that he felt the council brushed him off.

7. Next Meeting - Oct 28, 2025 at the government center

8. Adjournment - Kristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34. Jennifer seconded.

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Bill Ertel

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Samantha Wilder

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Kristin Wiley

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Jennifer Sanders

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