

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes: April 23, 2024

Park Board Meeting: 5:30

Present:

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

Staff: Greg Martin

Guests: Baron Wilder, Teri Doran

1. Guests or Guest Reports:

- none

2. Approve Minutes - Minutes were approved.

3. Old Business -

- ECO Lake Park: Signs are being done by Prestige and Imagination Graphics. Greg sowed grass where the water leak was. Boulders have been put in place. This past weekend there were 7-8 campers. 50 amp service (30 amp) is not in campsite 4. Campsite 13 doesn't have any electricity so it has been taken off the map. Everybody wants 50 amp service. Avis asked if they are going to change it to 50 amp. Greg said that he would photocopy the plans and get them to Avis. Avis said she would reach out. Campsites 6 and 18 breakers get stuck in the neutral position. If the park is completely booked, it might be a problem.
- NLTG: O'Mara got the bid for construction. Brad has a pre-construction meeting Wednesday, April 24. Ribbon cutting will be Friday May 3 at 1:00 pm down at the commons. They would love for the board to be there.

4. New Business

- Samantha nominated Avis to be president. Jennifer seconded. Jennifer nominated Sam to be vice president. Bill seconded. Avis nominated Kristin to be secretary. Samantha seconded. All voted in favor.
- Bill wanted to know who was appointed by whom. Avis was appointed by County Council. Kristin was appointed by County Council. Samantha was appointed by Circuit Court Judge. Bill was appointed by the Circuit Court Judge. Jennifer was appointed by the commissioners.
- We wanted an email address for the board so that the public has a way to get on the agenda without having to have a personal email. Greg said that he would contact the tech office.

- May 28th at 5:00 we will have an executive session before the regular meeting so that we can do Greg's evaluation. Regular meeting to follow. Avis advised Greg to go ahead and do the evaluations for the staff.
- Guidelines for public comments: Kristin made a motion to make the individual comments a maximum of 3 minutes each, with a maximum on 30 minutes. Also to move the guest comments to the end of the meeting. Avis seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Guest comments will be at the end of the meeting next month.

5. Director's Report -

- ECO Lake Park information is included in old business.
- Camp Host: Greg thinks that the camp host at Muscatatuck might be on their last year. They aren't spending as much time here. Brett (Eco Lake camp host) is out there a lot. Avis asked if we advertised for camp hosts, but Greg said he hasn't had to do that yet.
- Credit Card: Avis is going to the commissioners on April 25 to talk to them about that.
- Megan Ayers: Earth Day presentation. Megan will do the maintenance for it. We just provided the space. Avis asked if there will be signage, and Greg said he thought there would be.
- Eli Lilly Community Grant: Master Grant? Greg said that he would stop by and see. Avis said that she could also reach out to JCCF.
- Greg has 35 fire rings that he is hoping to get in place in Muscatatuck by Memorial Day.
- Greg thinks that we will need a new scagg mower for next year. (2025) Our log splitter also got stolen so that might be another expense.
- Avis asked if they have separate equipment for Eco Lake. Greg said they are starting to build it up. Greg said that he doesn't want to get too much equipment out there, so that it doesn't get stolen.
- Greg has also been dealing with homeless people in Muscatatuck Park. He has had to report to the Sheriff a few times.
- Avis asked how the workload is with the news park. Greg reported that the guys are feeling stressed. Samantha asked if Greg is thinking about adding part time or seasonal help. Greg wants to see how it goes this summer. Samantha suggested that maybe ask for it for this budget year.

6. Next Meeting -May 28, 2024

7. Adjournment - Avis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39.

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