

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes: November 28, 2023

Park Board Meeting: 5:30-7:13 pm

Present:

Board Members: Avis McGovern, Samantha Wilder, Jennifer Sanders, Wayne Zamora, Kristin Wiley

Staff: Greg Martin

Guests:

1. Guests or Guest Reports:
2. Approve Minutes - Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
3. Old Business - see directors report
 - Eco Park Update - see director's report "Eco Lake Park Campground Opening Outline"
 - April 5-6 first weekend, full operation
 - Grand opening ceremony?
 - Greg reviewed various items needing cleaned up and completed.
 - Most sites will be lengthened or expanded at sites as layout is figured out
 - Primitive lane - Greg would like to bush hog and keep cleared (not this year). Future possibility of using lane as access to walk in tent sites.
 - Greg has asked us to review the "Fee Use Area" sign for wording/clarity. A new sign will be ordered in January. (i.e. change Fee to Pay? Take out via, etc.)
 - Wayne asked when site map will be up and available for reservations, Greg expects it will be ready end of January.
 - Approximately \$10,000 to treat lake, the lake has never been treated. Greg recommends we do this later in the season. One quote has been given from Aquatic Control (Jimmy). Greg will possibly look for a second quote - not finding any other local companies. Must get state approval.
 - Greg wants to be sure Park is clean & simple and ready for opening.
 - Committee Meeting Update from NLTG - there was no meeting last month, property acquisitions
 - Splash Pad - Spear Corp is working on tech issues, Greg is going to request they open early - possibly April 1, to get ahead of pool openings.
 - Eclipse Event - Wayne discussed it would be great to have Eco Lake Park open for camping the weekend of the Eclipse Event.

Wayne asked about our Website and whether Eco Lake Park will have its own website or be attached/combined with the Muscatatuck Park Website. Greg mentioned new domain, possibly under JCPR.

4. New Business -

Greg asked the board to approve the following:

Auger \$3000

Basketball Goals \$5,000

Pay Station \$1500

Boulders and install \$25,000

Wayne made a motion to approve the amounts as a maximum. Samantha seconded. Motion carries.

5. Director's Report - see attached

Someone wants to donate some trail cams.

Camp host does have house in town, but will have presence in Park over winter.

Need to consider upgrades to Muscatatuck (electrical to 50 amp & water line). Greg has looked into the Land Water Conservation Grant as a possibility - is this something we want to pursue?

6. Approve claims - Wayne made a motion to accept claims, Avis seconded. Motion carries.

7. Next Meeting - January 23, 2024

8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:41.

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