

February 24, 2022 – Park Authority Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm at The Washington County Building by Ben Casteel and zoom.

Present: Ben Casteel - Chairman, Jennifer Blankenship (zoom), Keith Owens, Jim Hutton, Claude Worrell, Tony Fetty.

Absent: Keith Bazyk, Michael Johnson.

Public Comment:

Park Authority Manager Report:

1. There were four drawings, the winner for Lot 73 did not reply to winning. The second back up, their camper was too small, how do you want to proceed picking another winner?
2. Jim Hutton makes a motion to draw a third name for Lot # 73 due to the first person not answering and the second winner's camper being too large. The motion was seconded by Claude Worrell. Motion passed 5-0-0)
3. TVA- submitting another request for major projects, we will be placed on a list for several years down the road for them to help with the erosion.
4. Ben and I have been looking at trees and have ordered a few. We owe TVA trees since we cut several down over the past few years. They will be available the end of March.
5. Jonathan with TVA told me there are several grants that will help with erosion issues.
6. Met with BTES, they are now running internet lines. Something we can look into down the road.
7. There are 39 boats in the boat lot, 35 paid their winter retention, one boat did not have a camper inside the park. The rules clearly state that if these winter retentions are not paid that the camper will be removed from the park. What do we do?

A motion was made by Keith Owens to notify these three and have them pay their winter retention on the boats, plus late fee by March 15th or they will be removed from the park. The motion was seconded by Jim Hutton. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Recreation Department Report: Keith Owens

1. Finally met with County Administrator and HR a week and half ago. I worked my last day. From what I understand, my department will only be taking care of Bever Dam Park. Sholes Park and Whittaker Hollow parks will be under the guidance of The Washington County Park Authority.

A motion to approve the January 2022, minutes was made by Keith Owens and seconded by Jim Hutton. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made to approve the January payroll by Jim Hutton and seconded by Claude Worrell. Motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship to approve the January financial report and seconded by Jim Hutton. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Old Business:

1. Splash Pad Project- Talked to Jason Boswell, everything has been submitted. Now we wait because there is no date as to when they will award the money from Mount Rogers Planning.
2. Revisiting the park survey- That survey is ready to be sent out, when would you like for us to send those out?
 - a. You put all the time and effort into putting it together, I feel we should send it out at the beginning

New Business:

1. Approval of advertising: We have received a couple bids for local advertising, radio vs digital media. Ben makes a recommendation to save the money this year and do radio advertisement.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship to do three months of radio advertisement, seconded by Jim Hutton. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Next scheduled meeting is March 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm at The Washington County Building.

A motion to adjourn by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Keith Owens. Motion passed 5-0-0.