

June 25, 2023 – Park Authority Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm at The Washington County Building by Ben Casteel.

Present: Ben Casteel - Chairman, Jim Hutton, Stuart Wright, Steven Statzer, Jennifer Blankenship & Tony Fetty.

Absent: Claude Worrell

Public Comment:

Jarod McGlothlin from Glade, VA - There are some coach pitch kids that still want to play throughout the summer, will they be able to play throughout the summer?

Park Authority Manager Report:

1. Seasonal Drawing for open sites are active and doing really well.
2. The gate should be hung by the middle of July.
3. Trying to get an updated quote on splash pad, they are having problems getting quotes on the installation.
4. Had a major water leak at Sholes Park.
5. Past weekend we had Father's Day and Juneteenth and had a July 4th type of holiday with major traffic.
6. Joy has resigned from Recreation Department
7. Advertising campaign has been passed around from the TV advertising.
8. The flower tree looks excellent, and the water system will be installed soon.

Recreation Department Report: Joy Allen is no longer with the county.

A Motion was made to approve the May 25, 2023, meeting minutes by Jim Hutton and seconded by Steven Statzer. The Motion Passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made to approve the June payroll and the May Financial Report by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Jennifer Blankenship. Motion passed 4-0-0.

New Business:

Discussion about 2023-2024 Budget.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Steven Statzer to go into closed session. The motion passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Jim Hutton to exit closed session. The motion passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Steven Statzer to approve \$487,332.70 for the 2023-2024 year. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Old Business:

1. Rental Program with Welkin Airstream or similar companies. Partnering with a company to offer a service to campers, ready made camping sites, show up, sit down, try it out and be done. This allows us to dip our feet into the rental program. Steven is all for the opportunity.

A motion was made by Steven Statzer and seconded by Stuart Wright to look into the rental program and see what it takes and how it will work. If it will make sense to move forward. The motion passed, 4-0-0.

Board Member Action Items:

- a. Ben Casteel –
- b. Jim Hutton –
- c. Jennifer Blankenship –
- e. Claude Worrell –N/A
- f. Steven Statzer
- g. Stuart Wright -

Next scheduled meeting is July 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm at The Washington County Building.

A motion to adjourn by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Jim Hutton. Motion passed 4-0-0.