

February 12, 2023 – Park Authority Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm at The Washington County Building by Ben Casteel.

Present: Ben Casteel - Chairman, Jennifer Blankenship, Jim Hutton, Stuart Wright, Claude Worrell, Lisa Wilson, Tony Fetty.

Absent: Steven Statzer

Public Comment: N/A

Park Authority Manager Report:

1. Started working on baseball field.
2. The new mower at the park broke down.
3. Running electric, fixing main section at the park, running water line to baseball field, and running utility lines to the future splash pad location. I plan on renting equipment to do everything all at once.
4. Splash Pad Update Quote @ \$ 76,151.86
5. Last year we only had 22 spots that paid for themselves, this year we are at 25 spots that have already paid for themselves, out of the 33 temporary spots.
6. Last year's July-August Temporary Camping Fee @ \$18,119.41. 2023 Financial report shows July-August Temporary Camping Fee @ \$ 26,509.45. Gate fee was up \$4,471.00. Numbers continue to increase.

Recreation Department Report:

A motion to approve the August & September 2023 minutes was made by Claude Worrell and seconded by Jim Hutton with the amendment of Oct 2, 2023, as our next scheduled meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made to approve the August & September payroll by and seconded by Claude Worrell. Motion passed 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship to approve the July & August financial report and seconded by Jim Hutton. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Old Business:

1. Land in Glade Spring
2. Park Superintendent Assistant

A job description has been created for this position. This would help free Tony up a great deal.

A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship to post the Job Opening for a February Hire Date. The motion was seconded by Stuart Wright. The motion passed 6-0-0.

New Business:

1. Drowning Ford Update by Mr. Wright, the State is creating a boat launch and parking area at Drowning Ford. This is a win for our area. – Mr. Wright

Board Member Action Items:

1. Ben Casteel – Organize a tree planting event at the Park.
2. Jim Hutton –
3. Jennifer Blankenship – Looking at Playground Equipment
4. Claude Worrell -
5. Steven Statzer – N/A
6. Stuart Wright –
7. Lisa Wilson -

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

A motion to adjourn by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Claude Worrell.
Motion passed 6-0-0.