

The monthly meeting of the Washington County Park Authority was held, Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at JJ's Restaurant.

Present: Ben Casteel - Chairman, Steven Statzer, Claude Worrell, Jennifer Blankenship, Jim Hutton, Lisa Wilson, Tony Fetty

Absent: Stuart Wright

## Minutes

1. Call to Order: following a meal with the Park Authority Employees, the meeting came to order at 7:41 PM.
2. Public Comment : No public comment was made.
3. Washington County Park Authority Manager Report:
  - a. The contract with comcast came up for renewal, a higher speed package was offered for less cost, so the Park Staff upgraded the package.
  - b. Tony was able to replace the broken antenna with new old stock.
  - c. First shipment of splash pad parts is in, underground and pump house components have arrived. Above ground is still waiting.
    1. Jim Hutton stated that the WCSA may be able to assist with the installation of the splash pad, potentially lowering costs.
  - d. Drawings for open seasonal spots have begun, response has been good with
  - e. Reservations have begun.
  - f. The Boy Scouts will be coming in February for the Klondike Derby.
4. Recreation Department Report : N/A
5. Submitting and approval of the December Minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted by Jim Hutton, with a second from Jennifer Blankenship. Motion passed 6-0-0.
6. Approval to pay the November/December Bills and Approval of the November/December Financial Report. A motion was made by Steven Statzer and seconded by Claude Worrell. Motion passed 6-0-0.
7. Old Business:
  - a. At 8:01, a motion was made to enter executive session to discuss salary and extension of an offer for the Park Superintendent position by Steven Statzer, with a second from Jim Hutton. The motion passed 6-0-0 and the body

entered executive session. After resolving this item, Steven Statzer made the motion to exit the executive session with a second from Jennifer Blankenship at 8:23. The motion passed 6-0-0 and the meeting resumed.

8. New Business:

- a. Update on Splash Pad and potential assistance from WCSA.
- b. Mendota Trail update
- c. Steven Statzer made a motion to purchase a quarter page ad in the fiddlers convention book, donate two RV passes for contestant giveaways, and host the kickoff for the event at the park. Lisa Wilson offered a second, and the motion passed 5-1-0.

9. Board Member Action Items:

- A. Ben Casteel - Help write press release for season open and splash pad.
- B. Jim Hutton -
- C. Jennifer Blankenship - Help write press release for season open and splash pad.
- E. Claude Worrell - Contact the scouts for continuous campfire.
- F. Steven Statzer - contact the scouts for continuous campfire. Reach out to backdraft (kevin Helms) for a food truck, fathers day.
- G. Stuart Wright -

Next meeting: February 5th, 2024 @ Washcova Govt Building.

A motion was made to Adjourn by Steven Statzer, second offered by Jennifer Blankenship. The motion passed 6-0-0. The body adjourned at 8:40.

Sincerely,

Ben Casteel, Chairman

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