

The monthly meeting of the Washington County Park Authority was held Monday, October 7th, at 6:30 pm at Washington County Government Building

Present: Jennifer Blankenship, Lisa Wilson, Claude Worrell, Steven Statzer (Chairman), Ben Casteel, Tony Fetty

Absent: Jim Hutton, Rusty Belcher

Park Authority Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order: 6:37 PM
2. Public Comment:
 - a.
3. Washington County Park Authority Manager Report:
 - a. Working on automated pay gate (2 lanes in, 1 out), but still no final quote. Roughly \$30 - \$40k for pay gates from Parking Box, getting quotes for gate and installation – Jennifer Blankenship suggested checking Hoover Fence (wholesaler). Phase converter for main park gate is likely to burn out and Tony Fetty is looking into fixing this
 - b. Playground grant to be submitted (match).
 - c. Plumbing quotes for splash pad not yet received, but there is a local with Holston Mechanics that has completed similar projects.
 - d. Hurricane Helene damage to dock will require a crane boat to recover ramp. No real damage in park other than debris and downed trees. Most of them fell near Tony Fetty’s camper (across from park entrance, where Allen’s camper was).
 - e. Tony Fetty surveyed issues in Damascus with ball fields, doesn’t look like any major damage.
 - f. Could not make it to Whittaker Hollow.
 - g. Haunted Forest will be cancelled due to an inability to be fully prepared. There will still be a trunk-or-treat, bounce house, and foam pit.
 - h. Tony Fetty is interested in checking in about a camp host position.
4. Recreation Department Report: Parks & Recreation Master plan survey is up. Authority board will share widely.
5. Submitting and approval of the August Minutes: Motioned by Claude Worrell , Seconded by Lisa Wilson , passed unanimously 5-0-0
6. Approval to pay the August Bills and Approval of the July Financial Report: Jennifer Blankenship made a motion to accept and approve August Bills and July Financial Report, seconded by Claude Worrell passed unanimously 5-0-0.

7. Old Business:

- a. Mendota Trail Agreement Extension – Ben Casteel made a motion to approve the extension, seconded by Jennifer Blankenship, passed unanimously 5-0-0.

8. New Business:

- a. Flood / Hurricane debrief & action items – Tony Fetty covered issues related to the park in his report; several board members expressed a desire to help with volunteer efforts individually or as a board. Jennifer suggested a car show or similar event when the park reopens to benefit Damascus. Tony Fetty mentioned Jason Haga is planning one.

9. Other business:

- a. Jennifer Blankenship made a motion to move \$6,257.84 out of the current CD at First Community Bank to an account with a higher return on interest and give the Chairman the authority to find another bank, seconded by Claude Worrell, passed unanimously 5-0-0.

10. Board Member Action Items:

- A. Ben Casteel – Complete Park & Recreation Master Plan Survey and contribute desired facilities.
- B. Jim Hutton -
- C. Jennifer Blankenship-
- D. Steven Statzer- Move CD, will report to the board
- E. Claude Worrell-
- F. Lisa Wilson-
- G. Michael Wright-
- H. Rusty Belcher-

Next meeting will be held November 4th at Washington County Government Building

Following the conclusion of business, Jennifer Blankenship made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Claude Worrell The motion passed 5-0-0, and the body adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Sincerely,

Steven Statzer, Chairman

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