

THE MORGAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 AT 11:20 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE BRYAN COLLIER, DON ADAMS, AND KENNY HALE. LINDA PRUITT, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PRAYER

PLEDGE

REORGANIZATION

Kenny Hale made a motion to keep the current Chairman and Vice Chairman. (Bryan Collier as Chairman and Kenny Hale as Vice Chairman.) Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams stated that he would like to start the process of installing a new Park Board.

PARK UPDATES

Kenny Hale stated that they issued an RFP for the electrical work for the food court and awarded it to Live Wire Electrical. They have ordered some of the equipment. The playground equipment has been ordered for Burkhart and Old Town Waverly Parks, they put a deposit on the shed for Wilbur School.

Mr. Hale stated that by having a full time director, he hoped to finish the Delaney House and install the staircase from the Barnard House. The back rooms, dining room, bathroom and kitchen have been done. They still need to do the front room, stairs, seal the crawlspace and hook up the water and sewer lines. The plan has been to make it a conference center. The upstairs of the cabin still needs to be finished.

Projects at Burkhart Creek include inspecting roofs at shelter houses and repairing bird and bat boxes; however, they do not have any equipment that will extend high enough to reach the boxes.

The mini barn will be set up at Wilbur when it is determined exactly where it goes.

FEMA has requested more information for the picnic area at Willowbrook, such as the type of stone that will be installed and the type of fence.

DISCUSSION

Don Adams stated that in reviewing Indiana Code for establishing a park board, the Commissioners would appoint two seats, the Council would appoint two and the fifth seat is appointed by an elected official. Mr. Adams will work with the county attorney to insure they follow code. Lisa MacPhee, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District asked that the Commissioners consider including someone from their board when they establish the new park board.

MENTAL HEALTH FAIR FOR EARLY LEARNING

Kenny Hale stated that there are several groups working together to have a mental health fair for early learning and they would like to have the event in a central location. They are considering Old Town Waverly Park. They will bring in different vendors (dentists, doctors, etc.). They are expecting 300-400 people for this event. They asked if the rental fee could be waived and the entire park be closed for the event. Mr. Hale stated that it would take a lot of man hours of setting up tents and tables and that the boat ramp would need to stay open.

TRAILS DISCUSSION

The Board discussed trails and future plans for trails within the county and how trails are managed in other counties.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board

Bryan Collier

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams