

**THE MORGAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 AT 10:50 A.M.**

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

**PARK UPDATE**

Kenny Hale stated that the grand re-opening for the Wilbur Community School will be Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Poles are being set at both Burkhart Creek and Old Town Waverly Parks for electricity. This should help with locking and unlocking doors. There have been issues at Burkhart with people trying to break in to the restrooms after hours. They are cleaning up an area at Waverly.

David Mow, Morgan County Soil and Water, stated that there will be a Weed Wrangle Saturday at Burkhart Creek Park from 9 am to noon. They will be pulling garlic mustard. There is also a wildflower walk tomorrow at the park at 6 pm. The Weed Wrangle for Old Town Waverly Park will be next month in connection with the MCNIPP (Morgan County Native & Invasive Plant Partnership) meeting. Mr. Mow is concerned that park maintenance is cutting down the trees and shrubs that were planted in the wetland area of the park to widen the trail. Kenny Hale stated he did not recall planting close to the trail and that he would address this. Bryan Collier stated that he would not want trees and shrubs planted too close to the trail for safety reasons.

Mr. Mow stated that he is known throughout the state as a botanist and has collected over 100 species in Morgan County that are newly reported for the county. Some of them have been here for years, but no one has collected it. One of these is poison ivy.

**TREES/FLOOD RESIDUE**

Kenny Hale stated that six trees are now down because of beavers and he had to clean off the mud and silt from the boat ramp because it was a safety issue after the last flood incident.

**MINUTES**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**WILLOW TREES**

Mr. Mow stated that the Board had mentioned removing the bush honeysuckle along the river, but did not want an erosion problem. There are a lot of willows at Burkhart Park that could be planted along the river bank at Waverly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board

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Bryan Collier

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Don Adams

Attest:

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Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Kenny Hale