

**THE MORGAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

**MINUTES**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the March 3, 2025 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**PARK EVENTS/UPDATES**

Volitta Fritsche stated that the festival committee is moving like a fine machine and they have not been meeting every month. The Old Town Waverly Festival was cancelled last year due to storms and they asked vendors if they wanted refunds. All but three vendors did not want refunds. The festival is on track. They installed a new slide and upgraded the playground area. There was flooding damage on the trail and they made a bypass around where the bank of the river washed out. There are a couple other areas that will need attention.

Old Wilbur School had an electric issue while a renter was using the facility. There were five other areas that were also out. The renters held their event anyway, but Ms. Fritsche felt it appropriate to refund the rental fee. Bryan Collier made a motion to refund the fee. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Fritsche handed out copies of the Capital Improvement Plan and stated that the Wilbur School will be needing a new furnace in the future. Kenny Hale stated that they have band-aided the furnace many times. Ms. Fritsche suggests that only 50 people be allowed in the building at a time because of the floor and there is only room for approximately 20 cars. They would like to build up the back corner for additional parking. The roof may need inspected soon.

Burkhart Creek Park recently acquired a turtle for the playground. They installed new locks on the bathroom doors as the locks have been abused. Kenny Hale stated that at least six sets of latches have been broken and replaced. They are working on trails and the gravel trail on the back section still needs additional gravel. They are replacing the playground mulch. There were 15 kids on one swing when Ms. Fritsche was there and she informed them that the equipment was not made for that. The swings are still intact, but one swing is cracked. Ms. Fritsche is looking for a replacement.

**COMMENTS**

David Mow, Morgan County Soil & Water, stated that they completed Weed Wrangles at both Old Town Waverly and Burkhart Creek Parks to pull garlic mustard. The seeds float on the river, so when it floods, it brings in new seeds at Old Town Waverly. Burkhart Creek is in pretty good shape, but when the DNR property floods, it brings in the seeds. Mr. Mow asked that parks crews clean the equipment between parks to prevent transporting plants from one park to another. Kenny Hale stated that they have implemented that procedure.

Mr. Mow stated that the West Middle School honor students worked on the challenge trail for the second year. They got all the way up one side. They have the other side to do going back down. The trail is marked and hopefully people will follow the flags instead of just going straight down the hill, causing erosion. It will probably take two more years to finish it. Mr. Mow has tree and shrub removals and Weed Wrangles planned for the fall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board

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Bryan Collier

Attest:

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Kenny Hale

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Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams