

**THE MORGAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE BRYAN COLLIER, DON ADAMS, AND KENNY HALE. LINDA PRUITT, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ; AND VOLITTA FRITSCHER, PARKS DIRECTOR, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

**MINUTES**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**WAVERLY CABIN**

Kenny Hale stated that employees have the upstairs flooring down in both rooms, the stairway is almost done and has the railing up, the chimney is done, but the hearth is not. They started enclosing the underside of the front porch.

Bryan Collier asked what the cabin would be used for. Kenny Hale stated that they need to determine that. Volitta Fritsche stated that they are using it. Last year, during the festival, the weaver and quilter were there as well as the old coots on the front porch giving free advice. They have talked about having Santa in the cabin for the “Santa in the Park” event.

Ms. Fritsche stated that it was related to her that someone posted on Facebook that there was a swarm of bees at Waverly. It was not reported to her or to anyone else at the park. She knew someone who has bees and they checked it out. The bees were 40’ up in a tree and the beekeeper did not feel they were a threat unless someone was throwing rocks at them.

Bryan Collier asked if they had seen many snakes. Ms. Fritsche stated that they have seen a few non-venomous ones and no one had reported any.

**ATVS ON TRAILS/VANDALISM**

Volitta Fritsche stated that they have had vandalism at Old Town Waverly Park. There have been ATVs on the primitive trails and port-a-pots have been turned over. Ms. Fritsche has requested additional sheriff patrols and they have added additional cameras.

**BURKHART CREEK UPDATE**

Ms. Fritsche had reported earlier that the restroom floors were rusting. They have sanded them and re-painted. The surveyor was out to survey the east – west line at Duckworth and discovered that the park was inside the line by 30 to 40 feet. They spent the past week installing posts and cable on the property line so it is marked well.

Ms. Fritsche thanked Lisa MacPhee and David Mow for their help in building a challenge trail with the help of classes from John R. Wooden Middle School on Community Day. It is not an easy task and they made it about halfway up the hill.

**WILBUR SCHOOL**

There have been several rentals at Wilbur School. There are four trees in the parking area that need to be removed. Kenny Hale stated that he is obtaining quotes for this; he has one and should receive two or three others soon. Mr. Hale stated that one tree is massive and split down the middle and two others are broken and leaning between neighbor’s sheds and fencing.

**COMMENT**

David Mow, Morgan County Soil and Water, stated that Lisa MacPhee is working with the middle school to get the students out to do more work on the trail at Burkhardt. They got a lot done, but there is still a lot to do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kenny Hale 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