

THE MORGAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 AT 11:20 A.M.

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

PRAYER
PLEDGE

MINUTES

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD TOWN WAVERLY FESTIVAL CANCELLATION

Kenny Hale stated that they were working with the National Weather Service and USGS and made the call at 5 am Friday before the festival to cancel because of the weather conditions. Mr. Hale stated that they will hold the vendor fees for next year; however, there is one vendor that wants a refund and they are working with them to take care of that. Sponsors for events have not asked for refunds.

NEW TRACTOR/MOWER

The new mower has helped in getting the parks mowed. They are obtaining quotes on a side by side with a plow.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR TRAILS

There were approximately 15 people that attended the trails open house and they received several responses. There will be one more meeting this year to obtain comments.

WEED WRANGLE

Dave Mow stated that there will be a Weed Wrangle this Saturday at Burkhart Creek Park at 9am. This is a statewide event and they will be working on Callery Pear, Bush Honeysuckle, and Autumn Olive. They will be working at Old Town Waverly Park on Tuesday, October 15th with a corrections crew to remove Siberian Elm, Bush Honeysuckle, and White Mulberry.

HAUNTING OF WAVERLY

Kenny Hale stated that the Haunting of Waverly will be the 26th. From 5 to 7 pm will be trunk or treat, 6 to 7 pm will be the kid-friendly haunted trail and the scary trail will be from 7 to 9 pm.

SANTA IN THE PARK

Kenny Hale stated that the last event for the year will be Santa in the Park, which is the second Saturday in December. This year it will be the 14th from 11 to 2 pm. This year it will be in the cabin and they will have the fireplace going. They will have candy and refreshments.

COMMENT

Bryan Collier stated that parks are essential and they don't have an appropriate budget. With the help of the county attorney, they need bylaws for the Park Board. Kenny Hale stated that he is meeting with surrounding park boards to see how they are set up. Don Adams stated that he has visited some amazing parks and they have corporate support. Kenny Hale stated that they don't have an outreach person, but having a full time director will help in this endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board

Bryan Collier

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams