

THE MORGAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

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

Pledge

Prayer – Kenny Hale

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Volitta Fritsche, handed out an updated spreadsheet showing financial information for the festival. They are in the black for the event.

EVENTS

Haunting - Ms. Fritsche stated that they have not kept track of income for events in the past, but they are in the black for the Haunting of Waverly. They sold 458 tickets for the haunted trail and there was double this for the trunk or treat.

BURKHART CREEK LIGHTING

The Indiana Astronomical Society, that uses the park for stargazing, has asked if a switch could be installed on the lighting at the park; it interferes with their telescopes. Ms. Fritsche has spoken with a representative and they requested a switch when the light was installed, but that has not been done. Bryan Collier stated that if the switch was in a locked box, he would not be opposed to this if they turn it back on when they leave. Ms. Fritsche stated that the park is closed at dusk, but they have made an exception for this group. Ms. Fritsche asked if this exception was in writing, and if not, then maybe it should be. Don Adams stated that a “gentleman’s agreement” is alright, but it would be best practice to have it in writing.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Ms. Fritsche stated that she was informed that there was a dead deer on the trail at Burkhart Creek and they will try to move it. There is also a dead tree down that is caught in another tree. The park workers do not feel qualified to take it down, so she obtained a quote to take it down, along with two others that would need to be removed in order to get to it. The quote is \$1,400. Kenny Hale stated that he would prefer that the tree itself be removed rather than taking other trees out with it. Ms. Fritsche stated that she would contact vendors for quotes.

SANTA IN THE PARK EVENT

Ms. Fritsche stated that this event will be December 9th at Waverly Park from 11 to 2pm. They do not charge for anything at this event. There are crafts and refreshments for the children and they pay Santa a fee for appearing.

APRIL ECLIPSE PARK ACTIVITIES

Ms. Fritsche looked into having events at the parks during the eclipse. She has reserved extra port-a-pots for both parks from the 5th through the 9th. They made a donate to River Valley Church to help with parking at the Festival and she looked into doing this for the eclipse. Ms. Fritsche handed out a list of ideas for activities and primitive camping.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Bryan Collier

Don Adams

Attest:

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale