

JULY MINUTES

Versailles Woodford County Parks and Recreation

July 17, 2023, 6:30 pm at Falling Springs Center

In Attendance

D. Lodmell, S. Finney, C. Stoudt, J. Higdon, T. Sparks, K. O'Reel, J. Gay, G. Cole

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June minutes S. Finney, 2nd C. Stoudt –all voted in favor.

Introduction of new board member John Higdon

John was welcomed to the board. He will be replacing Mike Wood who is moving to Washington State and has resigned from the board. John is a City of Versailles appointee.

Pickleball letter

Board members received a letter signed by several people who play pickleball at Falling Springs requesting that the construction of 6 new pickleball courts be included in the Parks Department long-range planning for future projects.

Mountain bike trail update

Rich shared pictures of the project and the path being cleared by the volunteers.

Big Spring Park

Rich explained that a meeting with himself, Jon Gay, Mayor Traugott and Judge Kay was very productive in discussing funding for Big Spring Park. He informed the board that a second meeting was scheduled for July 18 at noon.

Capital improvement schedule

Rich shared with the board the approximate timelines for budgeted capital improvement this fiscal year noting that many of them would be occurring this fall and early winter.

Personnel update

Rich informed the board that he had conducted end of year job evaluation reviews with all employees and all meetings went well. He also informed the board that after consultation with Aaron Stover Director of Programming it had been determined that the probationary period for Larry Hellard would be extended 2 additional months to end of September.

Current Financial information

The board reviewed the June month end and YTD financials. While there still could be some minor adjustments and audit adjustments the department should finish the year with a surplus in budget of \$47,000

New Business & comments

1. George Cole commented on the need for outdoor basketball courts in our community. Rich expressed that he is aware of such a need and is currently in discussion with Mayor to find a suitable location.
2. John Higdon commented that he believes the indoor bleachers in the pool area can be dangerous and a slip hazard. Rich stated he would get with Kevin Bleuel about placing some adhesive strip tapes along each step.

Motion to adjourn.

D. Lodmell motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting

August 14, 6:30 pm.
