

MINUTES

Vigo County Parks Department

*1/27/25 at 4 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Abby Desboro
Commissioners Conference Room in the Vigo County Government Building*

In Attendance

Abby Desboro, Jeff Fisher, Eddy Adams, Joe Newton, Tabby Flinn, and Kilie Smith.

Approval of Minutes/Reports

Approved: Jeff Fisher Second: Kilie Smith

Approval of Claims in the amount of \$ 78,609.36

Approved: Eddy Adams Second: Jeff Fisher

2025 Officers

The board has made a decision to keep all positions as is. Abby Desboro as President, Jeff Fisher as Vice President, and Eddy Adams as Secretary. Jeff Fisher approved while Tabby Flinn seconded. Motion carried.

Capital Improvements

- Electric hook ups in the cabins have been finished.
- HVAC will be plumbed into the cabins by Supreme Heating & Cooling.
- Wagon is being put together. Half way through putting it together, realized it was going to be too large to fit through the door. Will finish up closer to time. The inside is built.

Old Business


- GBP building came in over budget.
- General contract of \$992,000. Had some change orders and took off \$77,000. New amount is \$914,000.
- We had it all together in one section. Separated it out. The second page is expenses. Engineering, septic, design, boring, and two small tribune ads. \$71,755 in expenditures.
- Sign sponsors on third page. Friends group selling signage 9x9 \$1,000 a piece. Thinking we have 25 or so total.
- Shepherds have agreed to donate \$10,000, Hoosier Health First Indiana is donating \$59,000 for bike storage area, and Duke is donating \$5,000. This brings us to \$92,000 total which brings our building total to \$885,854. We are \$29,000 short. Joni Wise has helped us a lot!
- Duke Energy is also donating \$10,000 to Disc Golf fund.
- Rick Burger is going to talk to several more businesses about donations.
- Closed on AmVets. 6 months we will own the building. We will discuss whether it is a demo project or rehab?
- Football in West Terre Haute Little League is excited we have that building.

- We can be in in July. Take off barbed wire fence down and start cleaning up.
- All permits are ready to start the football field.

New Business

- We have to start filming meetings. Law changes in July.
- Tapping trees tomorrow. Pancake Breakfast is February 8. This is a fundraiser for the Village Folk.
- Emailed pictures to the board of what is going to be listed on GovDeals.
- We have 3 different items. Wood burner \$3,500, 100CFM pump (used for syrup) \$1,000, and a truck bed liner for 1999 dodge long bed \$300. A vote is asked to surplus these items out. Joe approved while Eddy seconded. Motion carried.
- New 2025 resolution and added all rules to our info sheet.
- Park policy changes. Check out at 2pm and check in at 4pm every day of the week.
- Drones is the main change. Not permitted unless approved by parks superintendent.
- Things that are not allowed have been updated. Things not allowed in the parks including hot tubs, saunas, refrigerators, and freezers.
- Added: no lines ran from tree to tree or structure to structure.
- Open and closed dates are clearly listed.
- Must back into a camp site unless it is a pull through site.
- A motion was made to approve the new/updated policies. Kilie approved while Tabby seconded. Motion carried.
- We changed the rates sheet and took away the combo deal for renting both the wagon and cabin without calling the office.
- Applying for a grant of \$50,000 for destination development for disc golf. We will not be opening this year. Skid steer isn't back yet.
- Houck Design thinks we might be able to open with a pro tournament.
- Prairie Creek is almost done. Looking at a spring tournament as long as we get our skid steer back.

Next Meeting

 Michaela Lovell

3/24/25 – Vigo County Government Building – Council Chambers 4 p.m.