



## Noble County Parks and Recreation Board

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### MEETING MINUTES

#### Noble County Parks and Recreation Board

**Date:** June 25, 2025

**Location:** Location: Annex Building, 109 N. York Street, Albion, IN

## 1. Reports

### 1.1 Roll Call and Attendance (2:30 PM)

**Present:** Diann Scott, John Metzger, Chris Padilla, Jim Haddock, Grace Caswell

**Guest:** Kevin Yant, Steve Hook

### 1.2 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as written/read.

1<sup>st</sup>- Jim Haddock 2<sup>nd</sup>- Chris Padilla, Motion Carried

## 2. Old Business

### 2.1 President's Report & Board Appointment Update

- Waiving for perinate judge replacement, should we wait or do it now?
- Asking for Kevin Yant to replace Scott Allen the vacant seat
- Giving Diann the greenlight to the temporary judge
- Diann will send it out after Kevin Yant looks at it
- Diann will contact Noble County government with the Board's official recommendation to appoint Kevin Yant to the vacant seat.

## 3. New Business

### 3.1 Noble County Plan Commission- No Update

**3.2 Noble County GIS-** Steve Hook gave update hired Jordan Gibbs, she begins August 25<sup>th</sup>, full time in the GIS Department. GIS has received the 2025 ortho photography of Noble County. Will be working on that in Beacon to create for image map services for public or private use.

### 3.3 Noble County Purdue Extension- No Update

**3.4 Visit Noble County-** Destination Noble 2.0 Banners to go into Cities and Towns this summer in Albion, Kendallville, Ligonier, and Rome City; Avilla and other communities to be later (Likely 2026)

**3.5 West Lakes Association-** Seeking approved signatures for creating a conservancy district around West Lakes in Noble County- taxation/assessment for capital projects; to help maintain, clean, water quality, and care of Jones and Waldron area lakes. West

Lakes began working on this a few years back and have been prepping since 2022. Seeking signatures strategically. Worked with Noble County GIS to draw boundary. Would be finalized in 2026. To begin collecting in 2027.

#### **4. Good of the Order**

##### **4.1 Open Discussion**

- The LONG TERM priorities/goals of the Noble County Parks & Rec Board
  - Water activation (rivers and lakes)
  - Paved Trails to better connect communities
  - Public Land Projects
  - Better Connection for our partners in Municipal Parks
  - Professional Development, Advocacy, and Education
- Is a fall summit needed in 2025?
  - Unsure if there is enough time or enough content to create a Fall Summit
  - An Annual Summit would be more meaningful
  - Invite Wolcottville Parks Summit
- Over thoughts of Spring Summit- was well attended and offered great value
  - Was also in the Local Paper
- Active beautification group in Wolcottville
  - seeking partnership with:
    - Noble County Parks, Advance Rome City, and Visit Noble County.
- Seeking Expanding Trails
  - Noble Trails North to Wolcottville and South to Avilla

##### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by: 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Padilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Haddock, Motion Carried

**Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.**

#### **5. Next Meeting**

**Date:** July 23rd, 2025

**Location:** Annex Building, 109 N. York Street, Albion, IN