



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES

March 16, 2023 7:00 PM  
Maple Wood Nature Center

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**PRESENT:** John Egli, Eric Maginn, Ardala Hepler, Paul Yoder, Julia Wolheter  
Paul Baker joined via phone

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe

**MINUTES:** Ardala Hepler moved and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:**

Paul Yoder moved and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve March 16, 2023 docket claims. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Delt Pavilion Project  
The pavilion and restrooms are almost done. Roller screens are installed. To finish yet: Siding, electric, fireplace grate, parking lot, grills, water fountain, and finishing touches.
- B. Mike Metz Fen LWCF Project  
The trail is always busy. Plan to resume project work after Maple Syrup Days.
- C. Master plan  
No response received from DNR yet.
- D. Maple Syrup Days  
This weekend. We finished getting set up today. Finishing touches tomorrow afternoon.
- E. Property Acquisition  
The board discussed the possibilities of future additions to current parks.
- F. Kayak Rental  
The cage must be installed on a level spot – compacted limestone or concrete. Mary Franke will be meeting with Fun Time Kayak Rentals next week for further discussion.
- G. Fen trail dedication fun run  
April 22, 2023. Will begin at trailhead and end at clubhouse = 5k. Will be a ribbon cutting at trailhead prior to run. We have started to receive registrations already.

**NEW BUSINESS:****A. Parkview – Maple Wood**

After discussion, the board asked Mary Franke to inquire for more information before they finalize decision.

**B. Fitness Walking Club**

“Every Park Every Trail” will have a monthly walk on one of our trails. Incentive to walk all trails in each park will be shared at the end. Leslie Arnold will be present at each walk for participation. Christina Blaskie from Parkview LaGrange is also setting up a QR code for participation as well. The first month will be at Dallas Lake Park to kick off the new fitness trail with 14 stations. Signs will hopefully be received in time.

**ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS:**

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Wolfe, for Ardala Hepler  
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