



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

October 19, 2023 7:00 PM

Maple Wood Nature Center

PRESENT: John Egli, Ardala Hepler, Julia Wolheter, Eric Maginn

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Terry Martin, Emily Wolfe, Daniel Schelinski, Randy Fry, Chase Waggoner

MINUTES: Eric Maginn moved, and Ardala Hepler seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Eric Maginn moved, and Ardala Hepler seconded a motion to approve October 2023 docket claims. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Master Plan – Date Change

The state approved the new park master plan for the years 2024-2029 instead of 2023-2027. A new resolution has been drafted to reflect this revision. Julia Wolheter moved, and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to repeal Master Plan 2023-2027 Adoption Resolution 2023-09-21-A. Motion carried. Julia Wolheter moved, and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to approve Master Plan 2024-2029 Adoption Resolution 2023-10-19. Board signed new Resolution 2023-10-19 Adopting of 2024-2029 Master Plan. Motion carried.

B. Tetrick Property

1. LCCF finalizing paperwork and will close on purchase soon.
2. Randy Fry and Chase Waggoner addressed the board and inquired about timing of park purchase from LCCF and about easement access regarding Mr. & Mrs. Waggoner's intended purchase of the Tetrick house parcel.

C. Rogers Park

Mary Franke has reached out to at least three contacts to find someone to assess the condition of the log cabins. So far, no one has responded. Mary Franke will keep trying.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Event Planner/Naturalist

Daniel Schelinski was introduced to the board. Daniel has completed pre-employment requirements. He and his wife are relocating to the area, looking for a place to live, and planning to begin by December 1, 2023.

B. 2024 Fee Schedule

The board discussed updates to the park facility fee schedule for 2024. Discussed changes will be entered and approved at the next meeting.

C. Quarterly Financial Reports

Printed copies shared with board members for review.

D. Director's Report

1. Art in Parks: Shared event report. Vendors expressed interest in doing again next year even though attendance and sales were low. Mary Woodworth, with Lagrange County Arts, is excited to work with the parks dept. again for 2024 Arts in the Park event.
2. Disc Golf Tournament: Shared event report. Twenty players registered and 19 participated, even in the rain. Feedback for course improvements is very positive and players look forward to new tournament-grade goal baskets. Raised over \$2700 to help fund new goal baskets. Chris Sluyter is getting quotes. Discussion involved ideas to find additional funding.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Wolfe, for Ardala Hepler
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