



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2025 7:00 PM
Dallas Lake Park Office

PRESENT: John Egli, Julia Wolheter, Eric Maginn, Paul Baker

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe, Karen Eagleson

MINUTES: Paul Baker moved, and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **April 17, 2025**, meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS:

Eric Maginn moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve **May** docket claims. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Playground Quotes – Have not received quotes yet.
- B. Disc Golf Tournament – We had 111 players, 9 were LaGrange County residents.
- C. Hawpatch Trail – Hoping to break ground in late 2026.
- D. Swim Lessons – Free this year, filling quickly
- E. Day Camp – Not filling as quickly, will look for more ways to get news out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Budget
 - Mary Franke shared proposed capital purchases for 2026 for approval. Julia Wolheter moved, and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to approve proposed capital purchases for 2026 budget. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Litke Property
 - Mary Franke received an email offering to donate their personal property when will is read. May still be many years before the will is applicable. The Director and Board are invited to look at property. The Park Board discussed and like the idea as a possible central location for the parks office. They asked that Mary Franke share the offer and clear with the Commissioners before accepting.
- C. Memorial Bench Application
 - In memory of Gwen Owsley with requested location at Delt Church Park. Paul Baker moved, and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to approve application. Motion carried 4-0.
- D. State and County Health Department
 - State – received \$4500 grant funds to allow swim lessons to be free this year.
 - County – committed \$2000 a month for outdoor activities and nature education programs.

ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Truck – Jason Boggs has 2018 Chevy Silverado 1500 declared surplus with blown engine. He has offered it to the Parks Department to have repaired and keep. Decision pending.
- B. Memorial Bench – Julia Wolheter shared that South Milford Lions member, Dick Krull, passed and the Lions would like to have a memorial bench at Maple Wood Nature Center. The board approved for reduced price. Julia Wolheter will share the decision with the Lions Club.
- C. Paul Baker – shared that he will be doing some work on the mountain bike trails at Duff Memorial Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Wolfe

Appointed Board Secretary
Park Dept. Administrative Assistant
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