



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2025 7:00 PM
Maple Wood Nature Center

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe, Terry Martin, Karen Eagleson

MINUTES: Eric Maginn moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **June 19, 2025**, meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS:

Julia Wolheter moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded a motion to approve **July** docket claims. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2026 Budget

Mary Franke will present the proposed 2026 budget to the County Council on August 11.

B. Credit Card

County Commissioners approved a credit card for Parks Dept. Will be connected to county account.

C. Dallas Playground

Mary Franke shared quotes for expanding playground and possibly adding pickleball.

1. For three pieces of equipment mulch, edging, and installation - \$30,000.

2. For just swing set with mulch, edging, and installation - \$15,000.

3. For double pickleball courts with fencing – approximately \$54,000

The board discussed and want to move forward with finding grant funding to help offset expense.

D. Litke Property

The drafted letter to accept the property as part of their will was approved by Attorney, Kurt Bachman. Paul Baker moved, and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to accept and sign the letter. Motion carried.

E. Pine Knob New Trail Dedication

This Saturday, July 19, at 12:30pm. All who can attend are welcome. Mary Franke will meet attendees at the trailhead for the walk back to the new trail. A small dedication ceremony will be shared.

The Tetrick family has donated \$10,000 to be used for trail improvement. So far, funds have been used for 2 requested memorial benches, a picnic table, and trail signs. With remaining funds, Mary Franke requested to add a small shelter to put over the picnic table in the clearing, quote is \$3200. Paul Baker moved, and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to approve the quoted shelter purchase. Motion carried.

F. Truck Engine Quotes

George DeWald is collecting quotes for the truck. Still under consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:**A. LCYC Property**

Mary Franke shared that a piece of property was offered to the parks dept from LCYC. The board discussed the location and possibilities. The board declined this property offer.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Bright Point has inquired about an intern working for the parks dept. Would be temporary part time. George DeWald is considering and will schedule an interview.
- B. Chicken Fundraiser – the parks dept is considering a chicken fundraiser to be sold door to door. We would need to pay for chicken/charcoal, and provide drivers. Raised monies could be assigned to Trail of Lights fund.
- C. Swim Lessons – have been full this year. There are two more weeks.
- D. Day Camp – tomorrow is the last day for the summer.
- E. Maintenance Projects
 - 1. Resurfacing the wooded trail at Delt and created a limestone loop for Trail of Lights.
 - 2. Tetrick Trail creation
 - 3. Resided parks office

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Wolfe

Appointed Board Secretary
Park Dept. Administrative Assistant
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