



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2025 7:00 PM
Maple Wood Nature Center

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe, Karen Eagleson

MINUTES: Julia Wolheter moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **October 16, 2025**, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Eric Maginn moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded, a motion to approve **November** docket claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Trail of Lights

Chris Sluyter has been busy fundraising – collected nearly \$26,000 with more still pledged. Maintenance Staff is busy putting up lights and displays. We have volunteer groups committed for eight nights so far, still need one more night. May need to purchase cookies. Still determining best locations for donation buckets.

B. Dallas Improvements

LCCF approved a \$25,000 grant for playground and pickleball improvements. Cole Foundation meets December 1 to consider a \$20,000 grant request. Dekko Foundation is also considering a grant request. If all approved, improvements may begin in 2026 when materials & schedules are available.

C. Position Description

Mary Franke shared a revised description based on discussions at last board meeting. Human Resources has approved. The board discussed and added a few additional revisions. Eric Maginn moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded, a motion to accept the Park Events Planner Job Description as written with tonight's specified revisions. Motion carried.

D. Sign

Park board reviewed and discussed the Attorney's letter of advisement. Julia Wolheter moved, and Eric Maginn seconded, a motion to not allow permanent signage on park property that would be considered advertisement for a business or individual. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Director Salary 2026

Eric Maginn moved, and Julia Wolheter seconded, a motion to approve 2026 Park Director Salary. Motion carried. Board President, John Egli, signed approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. IPRA conference was last week.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Wolfe

Appointed Board Secretary/Parks Administrative Assistant
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