



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2025 7:00 PM
Maple Wood Nature Center

PRESENT: John Egli, Julia Wolheter, Paul Baker, Perry Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe, Karen Eagleson

MINUTES: Perry Miller moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **November 20, 2025**, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Paul Baker moved, and Perry Miller seconded, a motion to approve **December** docket claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Budget
Approved by county. Waiting for confirmation from State.
- B. Dallas Playground
Received approvals for Cole Grant application for \$20,000 and LCCF Grnt application for \$25,000. Dekko Grant Application decision will be received in January.
- C. Event Planner
Received approximately 10 applications. Board reviewed and asked for 3 to be interviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Meeting Schedule
The Park Board agreed to maintain current schedule for third Thursdays at 7pm.
- B. Purchase Requests
 1. Trailer – Board reviewed quotes. Paul Baker moved, and Perry Miler seconded, a motion to approve quote from Lux for \$12,500. Motion carried.
 2. Playground parts at Delt – Julia Wolheter moved, and Perry Miller seconded, a motion to approve quote from Miracle Recreation for \$6,316.38. Motion carried.
 3. Gravel – Julia Wolheter moved, and Paul Baker seconded, a motion to approve spending up to \$21,000 of 2025 budget money for trail limestone. Motion carried.
- C. Park Ranger Report – Randy Merrifield and Tim Cleveland sent in their annual reports. The Board appreciates receiving this information.
- D. Ranger Truck
Randy Merrifield is getting quotes for trucks with light package. Budget is \$50,000. Board approved applying a star with park police on truck.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Mary Franke shared how Trail of Lights is going.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Wolfe

Appointed Board Secretary/Parks Administrative Assistant
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