



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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