



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES (*Amended*)
October 22, 2020
7:00PM

PRESENT: John Egli, Bob Arnold, Paul Yoder, Ardala Hepler, & Julia Wolheter

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Richard Muntz, Emily Wolfe

MINUTES: Julia Wolheter moved and Bob Arnold seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Atwood Beach – Richard Muntz is trying to contact Penny Briggs (*winning bidder*). No luck yet. He will send a letter via mail.

Grants – Received \$35,000 From Cole Foundation.

LaGrange County Budget is complete. Approved 1% raise.

REMC assisted with cleaning up brush/fallen trees at Maplewood Nature Center.

Pine Knob security system to be connected soon.

Ordinances – Reviewed 11 pages of omissions, additions, and changes made by Bachman’s office. Mary noted the changes, deletions, or additions that the Park Board suggested. Need to create Permit Application Forms to be used as needed for future events. Bob Arnold moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to modify the Ordinances as such and was presented by the board. Motion carried.

The Enforcement Options update will be tabled until Terry Martin is in attendance for his input. Julia Wolheter moved and Bob Arnold seconded a motion to table Enforcement Options until Terry Martin is present. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Park Board Meeting will be held on December 3, 2020 at Maplewood Nature Center at 7pm.

Dennis Davis requested permission to plant a tree with a memorial plaque in Shipshewana Lake Park. Board declined said request. Ardala Hepler moved and Bob Arnold seconded the motion to decline the memorial tree/plaque request. Motion carried.

Quotes – Equipment replacement. Plan was to get new RTV but Park needs a new mower. Mary to get quotes. Would like to get mower this year with remaining budget and save RTV for next year. Leslie Arnold would like a car, instead of truck, when it is time.

Programs – No report. Leslie Arnold not present.

Mark Thompson will be retiring from the Park Board December 31, 2020.

Maple Syrup Sales – Need to sell this year’s inventory since we didn’t have a Maple Syrup Event. Need to make room for next year’s crop. Local businesses are volunteering to sell the maple syrup for us.

Scott Beam won the District II Hunter Safety award for the 3rd time.

Claims- Bob Arnold moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to approve the October claims as presented. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ardala Hepler, Secretary

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