



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

June 23, 2022 7:00PM
Maple Wood Nature Center

PRESENT: John Egli, Eric, Maginn, Ardala Hepler, Paul Yoder, Julia Wolheter, Paul Baker

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe

MINUTES: Paul Baker moved and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Mike Metz Fen LWCF Project
Great progress is being made on installing boardwalks. The track steer is being used to grade the ground trails to prepare for laying limestone.
- B. Delt Pavilion Project
Mary Franke brought the pavilion plans to view and a form to be signed to send to the state for plan approvals. After discussion, it was decided to ask the commissioners for up to \$250,000.00 to cover rising costs of materials and shipping.
- C. Drinking Fountains
Mary Franke presented quotes for a variety of different drinking fountains. After discussion, the Board prefers the Global Industrial stainless steel option. There was also discussion to purchase another wall mount water fountain for Dallas Lodge and install at a different height for ADA compliancy.
- D. 2023 Budget
Nothing new to share. Budgets are presented to Council on August 8, 2022.
- E. Master Plan
Summer is busy, so we haven't had time to work on the new Master Plan. The online survey has had 89 responses to date. Leslie Arnold will have surveys available at the 4H fair this year.
- F. Attorney
The Park Board has decided to streamline and use the county attorney services. Mary Franke met with the county attorneys this past week already and shared items with them for advisement.
- G. Other – Delt Well
Still no water source available at Delt Church Park as we wait for new well.
IDEM has finally approved a site plan. Hoping to have an update soon. Sanderson's Well Drilling said they would be out to install, as soon as IDEM says go.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Programs

- Still planning on a large turn-out for the LCYC Youth event at Delt Church Park in August.
- The board discussed the Naturalist Report.

B. Other – Malcolm Prough Memorial Donation

The Park Dept. has received private memorial donations. This week, the Parks Dept. received an additional memorial donation from Mrs. Sharron Prough, to be used for the development of new or existing parks.

C. July Board Meeting

July 28, 2022 – Meeting held at Pine Knob. Meet at 6:30 to take a walk through the fen and view trails completed so far.

Julia Wolhete moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to approve June docket claims as presented. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Wolfe, for Ardala Hepler

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