



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

August 25, 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 July 28, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mike Metz Fen LWCF Project –

Mary Franke shared received quotes for the shelter, restroom lumber, plastic lumber for signs/tables/benches, and restroom components. Eric Maginn moved and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve quotes for:

1. Shelter – Playpros/RCP Shelter for \$16,130.00
2. Restroom Lumber – Big C Shipshewana for \$4,907.72
3. Plastic Lumber for signs/lumber/benches – Blue Ridge Polymers in Shipshewana for \$3,629.40
4. Restroom Components – Romtec for \$7,834.79

Motion carried.

B. Delt Pavilion Project

Attorney Ben Bentrup sent Mary Franke a bid packet for review. Once bid packet is final, we will advertise for bids. We would like to have bids received to open at next board meeting. After discussion on budget, Julia Wolheter moved and Eric Maginn seconded a motion that if the total of materials purchased is under \$200,000, we should still require proof of bond insurance. Motion carried.

C. 2023 Budget

Next budget meeting is a Council meeting on September 12 and includes a public hearing.

D. Master Plan

Mary Franke will put together a plan to hold some public meetings at different parks yet this year. She will coordinate with the Friends of LaGrange County Parks for additional assistance.

E. Other –

1. Delt Well – Still no water yet ... more unexpected delays. Sunday, August 22 was the end of the Public Notice time. Mary Franke received a response that IDEM still has the permit application under review. Could be 2 to 4 more weeks to receive final approval.
2. Mary Franke and Emily Wolfe are working on needed revisions to update the rental facility rules and other park policies. Revisions should be ready for review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. September Board Meeting

The board agreed to hold the next board meeting at the Dallas Lake Lodge on September 22.

B. Programs

We are considering the Youth Event at Delt Church Park a success. Vendors shared they were happy with the outcome and are interested in returning the next time this event is held. 125 kids collected backpacks, pizza coupons, and entered the raffle. We also gave away 80 Disc Golf starter kits. The kids loved the canine unit demonstration and were excited about the door prizes.

C. Other

Disc Golf Starter Sets – We intentionally ordered an extra 25 sets to have at the park office to sell. We would also like to set up a tote/box at the Disc Golf Course/Tee 1 that would hold a couple sets of discs with the intention that people could borrow them and try the game. (and hopefully return them)

CLAIMS:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Wolfe, for Ardala Hepler

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