



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

July 18, 2024 7:00 PM
Maple Wood Nature Center

PRESENT: John Egli, Eric Maginn, Julia Wolheter, Paul Baker, Michael Holcomb

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe, Terry Martin

MINUTES: Paul Baker moved, and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **June 20, 2024**, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Julia Wolheter moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve **July 2024** docket claims. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2025 Budget:

Proposed 2025 budget will go before the Council on August 12.

B. Delt Youth Event:

Canceled in June due to extreme heat. Rescheduled for September 21 at Dallas Lake Park. Invoices have been submitted to JDAI. All but \$40 was spent on the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Dallas Lodge Well:

The Lodge was hit by lightning. Damage found included: dead microwave, breaker panel damage, blown kitchen outlets, and the well. The well pump was replaced. Further assessment found that the well casing was cracked. This damage is allowing dirt and gravel into the water lines, components, and clogging toilets. High insurance deductible prevents insurance claim. A whole house filter has been installed and the filter is changed often in efforts to keep water lines clean. The Board discussed options for funding new well expense. Quote received from Sanderson Well Drilling is \$9000. Paul Baker moved, and Mike Holcomb seconded a motion to declare the Dallas Lodge well replacement as an emergency item so Mary Franke may move forward with next step in replacement process. Motion carried.

B. IPRA Conference

IPRA Conference is scheduled for November 5-7 in French Lick. Julia Wolheter moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion for Mary Franke to attend the 2024 IPRA conference. Motion carried.

C. Director's Report

1. Day Camps: Tomorrow is the last day of park summer camps. Wilderness Bound Camp was canceled; only 2 were signed up. Day camp surveys have been positive. Conservation Camp, led by LCYC, is next week at Pine Knob.
2. Swim Lessons: Will be complete after Tuesday of next week.
3. Facility Rental Numbers: Rental numbers are projected to surpass last year.
 - 236 rentals for all of 2023. 205 scheduled rentals so far this year.
 - Total monies collected: 2023 was \$31,014.00. 2024 to date is \$28,040
 - Dallas Lodge – 20 over 14 last year, and Sweetgum – 13 over 12 last year
4. Trails Master Plan: 3 upcoming open houses. Board discussed who can attend.
5. FeNGke 5K: Scheduled for August 17
6. Ardala Hepler's memorial bench and plaque has been ordered. Donations received will be put towards purchase. The remainder will be taken from park non-reverting funds.

ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul Baker shared that community member, Aaron Talmadge, has been helping him with the bike trail at Duff Memorial Park. The trail was mown a bit wider and a couple of fallen trees were taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Wolfe
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