



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

October 17, 2024 7:00 PM

Dallas Lake Park - Lodge

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe

MINUTES: Michael Holcomb moved, and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **September 19, 2024**, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Paul Baker moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded a motion to approve **October 2024** docket claims. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2025 Budget:

Mary Franke shared that the County Council approved the proposed 2025 Park Budget at the October 15 council meeting. Now we are waiting for the state to return their approval.

B. Delt Drive Project:

Mary Franke shared that the 18' wide concrete entry drive is complete. Stone has been installed along edges. Delt Church Park will be re-opened tomorrow, October 18 with vehicle weight limits for the rest of the month.

C. Tetrick Property

Mary Franke shared that we are still waiting for the county attorney to review documents before John Egli can sign. We can't close on property purchase until forms are signed. Hoping to have everything final before the end of year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Playground Parts Quotes – for Delt Church Park

Mary Franke presented three quotes for needed replacement parts and asked for approval for two quotes. Mary wants to check other available options before approving the third quote. Julia Wolheter moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve quotes ending in 60 for \$1,436 and 64 for \$2,576 to order. Park staff will install. Motion carried.

B. Director's Report

1. EDC Grant letter of support request – After discussion, Julia Wolheter moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded a motion to submit a letter of support for proposed use of funds and projects in the event the grant is awarded to LaGrange County EDC.
2. Youth Day – An estimated 350-400 attended.

3. Arts in the Park – Estimated 80 attended. Mary Woodworth and Daniel Schelinski have already discussed possibilities for next year.
4. Parkview FitKids – The fall meetings have been canceled due to low attendance. Christina Blaskie of Parkview LaGrange is requesting to use Maple Wood Nature Center for the spring meetings of FitKids program on Thursdays, April 17-June 5, from 4-8pm. The park board approved.
5. Swim Lessons 2025 – Parks Dept received a grant from the Indiana Department of Health that will allow us to offer swim lessons at no cost in 2025.
6. Not so Spooky Trail – Tomorrow at Maple Wood Nature Center from 5-7:30.
7. Maple Wood Nature Center siding – installation of new siding will begin next week.
8. Archery Post – Have collected highest amount so far. All is used for new targets and insert replacement. Park Board discussed archery range fee.

ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Hawpatch Trail – property has not yet been purchased from CSX Railroad. Attorney delays.
2. Christmas Lights at Delt – nothing new to share

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Wolfe
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