



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024 7:00 PM
Maple Wood Nature Center

PRESENT: Julia Wolheter, Eric Maginn, Paul Baker, Perry Miller, Michael Holcomb

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Emily Wolfe, Karen Eagleson, Daniel Schelinski

MINUTES: Michael Holcomb moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the **January 16, 2025**, meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Paul Baker moved, and Michael Holcomb seconded a motion to approve **February 20** docket claims. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Annual Report

Julia Wolheter moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Report as written. 5 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carried.

B. Tetrick Property

Mary Franke shared that closing is scheduled for Friday, February 28 in the afternoon. Time will be confirmed when John Egli returns. Will decide plans for the property after syrup season.

C. Master Trails Plan

Mary Franke shared a draft of a resolution in regards to the new County Master Trails Plan created last year. The board discussed how the Parks Dept is involved in the resolution. Paul Baker moved, and Perry Miller seconded a motion stating that the Park Board and it's employees should not be listed as responsible parties in the implementation of the Master Trails Plan. 5 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Special Events / Vendor Policy

Paul Baker moved, and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve "Tent Use Application". 5 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carried.
Special Events Application and Special Events Vendor Form will wait until next meeting. Emily Wolfe will add fees and Special Event Rules and update Food Vendor form for approval at next meeting.

B. Special Events Approval

1. Ark "Bark in the Park" – Julia Wolheter moved, and Perry Miller seconded a motion to reduce rental facility from \$200 to \$100, maintain the refundable cleanup deposit of \$125, and require a food vendor list with vendor forms submitted. 5 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carried.
2. Disc Golf Tournament – Daniel Schelinski shared information of partnering with Maple City Disc Golf, LLC to hold a sanctioned PDGA Tournament at Delt Church Park on May 3, 2025. The Park Board discussed options. Perry Miller moved, and Paul Baker seconded a motion to approve Special Event with full rental facility fee with one vendor free of charge. 5 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carried.

C. Other Business

Michael Holcomb shared a grant opportunity that focuses on clearing invasive species with efforts to maintain clean water. Mary Franke will find out more about which of our park properties would be best suited for this grant application.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Wolfe
Appointed Board Secretary
Park Dept. Administrative Assistant
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