



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
December 5, 2019  
7:00PM

**PRESENT:** John Egli, Julia Wolheter, Mark Thompson, Paul Yoder, Bob Arnold, & Ardala Hepler

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Metz

**MINUTES:** Ardala Hepler moved and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Park Director Position- Julia Wolheter talked to two references. Both gave favorable references.

Bob Arnold tried to talk to two references but missed the calls.

Park Director salary to come down to \$60,853.78 for 2020.

Bob Arnold moved and Mark Thompson seconded a motion to offer Thom Miller the job subject to a background check and coordinating with Mike's retirement date. Motion carried.

Dr. Egli is to call Thom and offer him the job.

Duff Lake LWCF Project-Paperwork is in the works.

USFWS Fen Project-The owner of the property wants to move forward with the sale. It probably will be accomplished by February 2020.

The final report for the \$108,000 "The Conservation Fund" grant has been submitted. We are awaiting reimbursement for the rest of the amount.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lumber quotes-

Big C Shipshewana \$4,947.25

Big C Kendallville \$4,947.25

Alpha Building Center \$5,092.22

Hershey Lumber \$6,842.45

Julia Wolheter moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to accept the Big C bid. Motion Carried.

A new fence was installed on the property line of David Rogers Park for \$5,518.03. The owner, Melvin Troyer, asked us to pay half. We are to ask Richard Muntz about the legalities of this. No motion - tabled.

Claims.- Paul Yoder moved and Mark Thompson seconded motion to approve the claims as presented, except for the one to Melvin Troyer for the cost of the fence. Motion carried.

The next meeting is January 23, 2020.

A Christmas party followed and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardala Hepler

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