



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
April 23, 2020
7:00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Thom Miller, Richard Muntz, & Terry Martin

MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

USFWS Fen Project- Still waiting on the money.

Duff Lake LWCF – Need to make some drawings.

SOGL Grant Application – Blue Heron waiting on grant for Mike Metz Fen. \$55,000 toward match. They have already done a burn, then seeding.

Atwood Beach – Steph Young is doing an appraisal. One appraisal will be done by May 1. Commissioners are to declare surplus. Put up sign for Beach Closed.

Goals for 2020 – From National Parks and Recreation, previous employer and Illinois Parks. There was no staff input, did not look at the 5 year Master Plan.

Hawpatch Trail – Paul Yoder moved and Bob Arnold seconded motion that LaGrange County Parks Department will consider maintenance on the completed Hawpatch Trail. Motion passed.

Endowment presented from the LaGrange County Community Foundation would be something to consider; Friends of the Parks might be the best avenue for the Endowment etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Closures – Paul Yoder moved and Bob Arnold seconded a motion to open the parks on April 27. Motion passed.

Claims- Mark Thompson moved and Paul Yoder seconded motion to approve the claims for March 2020 and April 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Maintenance position – Twelve interviews; top three were chosen for face to face interviews. Shelby Holsinger, who works for Blue Heron, was hired.

Performance evaluations – Bob Arnold moved for John to do these with the staff. Mark Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

Two different forms were presented. The board should look at and email suggestions to John.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Wolheter, acting secretary

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