



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
June 25, 2020
7:00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Thom Miller & Richard Muntz

MINUTES: Minutes from April 23, 2020 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

USFWS Fen Project- Paperwork was faxed today. Thom will contact USFWS to see if someone can replace John Egli to sign. Thom has drawn some funds to pay some of the people. He needs to know the amount that will be needed to close from Richard.

Duff Lake/Mike Metz Fen LWCF – Still waiting on Federal approval. The state has approved so we are waiting for the money.

Atwood Beach – Appraised value is \$10,000. By law, we can offer it to the adjoining landowner then publicize in the paper and anyone can bid or make an offer. Paul Yoder motioned to table it until the next meeting. Mark Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Summer camps – There is concern for staff and children's safety. Mark Thompson moved to cancel camp for this summer. Paul Yoder seconded. Motion carried.

Swim lessons – We were not able to hire a swim instructor for 2020. Julia Wolheter moved and Paul Yoder seconded to cancel swim lessons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Storm damage – Rich Dunbar from the DNR Division of Nature Preserves needs to get permission from his boss to clean up trees and take out logs in the sugar bush area and on the trails at Maple Wood.

Mark Thompson made a motion to clean up trees and use horses to bring the downed trees out. Paul Yoder seconded. Motion passed.

May need an Amish crew with horses. Paul suggested having it done in the winter time.

Other – It was suggested by Leslie Arnold to have Maple Wood open on Wednesdays and every 2nd and 4th weekend (Sat. & Sun.) starting August 8 & 9 and going forward. Julia Wolheter motioned and Paul Yoder seconded. Motion passed.

Claims- The claims were signed by those present. Will be voted on at next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Wolheter, acting secretary

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