



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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Thom Miller, Richard Muntz, Terry Martin, Leslie Arnold, Randy Merrifield

MINUTES: Ardala Hepler moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

USFWS Fen Project- Now 100% ours.

Duff Lake/Mike Metz Fen LWCF – Still waiting on Federal approval.

Atwood Beach – Sale options – We need to establish a price and publish a notice to allow people to bid with a minimum price set. Appraised value is \$10,000. Bob Arnold motioned and Mark Thompson seconded a motion to start the process at \$10,000. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy Merrifield – Randy praised the employees for their work during the storm damage clean up.

There were some drug problems at Rogers Park. Randy has pretty much taken care of the problem. Neighbors close to the parks notify Randy of suspicious cars or people.

The Amish are asking for water fountains to water horses by the horse shelters at Delt.

Dallas Lake beach has problems with dogs and bad language. Need a sign: “No dogs, No fishing, No cussing, No alcohol, No smoking, etc. The existing sign needs to be larger.”

Randy gave a complimentary report on the situations. All going fairly well.

There has been some damage reported due to vandals.

Storm damage – 82 logs at Maple Wood. Received two bids, need three. One bid was \$6,500.

Other – Leslie gave a report on her adapting because of Coronavirus and using “outside” when possible. Leslie is doing the best that can be done.

Leslie is working on “nature-based learning” programs for schools. Sounds like a wonderful solution for school classes.

Cedar Lake – Soil & Water would like us to work on the shoreline at Cedar Lake Beach (like what we did at Atwood Lake). Probably next year.

Budget 2021- We tried to keep in line with 2020, but some items changed of necessity. Paul Yoder moved and Mark Thompson seconded a motion to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Claims- Bob Arnold moved and Julia Wolheter seconded a motion to approve the July claims as presented. Motion carried.

Julia Wolheter moved and Bob Arnold seconded a motion to approve the June claims from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ardala Hepler, secretary

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