



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 28, 2021  
7:00PM  
Amended

**PRESENT:** Bob Arnold, John Egli, Eric Maginn, Paul Yoder, Julia Wolheter

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Franke, Richard Muntz

**MINUTES:** Motion presented to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike Metz Fen LWCF Project – Reviewed Project Bid Packets. Discussed a new deed with protections clause.

ADA Projects – ADA projects approved by LaGrange County to use 2020 ADA Funds. Dallas Lake Construction/Paul Yoder won bid. Discussed projects included. Board approved conflict of interest in regards to Paul Yoder being a Park Board Member. Paul Yoder/Dallas Lake Construction expects to start projects in March 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Officer Election for 2021 – Motion presented to approve keeping the same officers. President: John Egli. Vice President: Bob Arnold. Secretary: Ardala Hepler. Motion carried.

New Board Member – Welcomed new board member, Eric Maginn.

Secretary – With Ardala Hepler's absence, Julia Wolheter will take notes for tonight's meeting. Suggestion presented that Emily Wolfe attend meetings to help take notes.

Annual Report – Mary Franke reviewed highlights of the year.

Car Quotes – New Car for use by naturalist, Leslie Arnold. Will trade in 2001 GMC Sonoma. Motion presented to approve purchase of 2021 Chevrolet Equinox from Shepherd's Auto in Kendallville for \$23,299.00. Motion carried.

Quotes for next meeting – Reviewed quote information for upcoming purchases to be discussed at next board meeting. Quotes will be for new RTV, Power Wagon (powered wheelbarrow), and Archery Targets/Inserts.

Maple Wood Rental Fee – Right now, it is \$160.50 for daily rental whether open for all day (Saturdays) or half day (Sundays). Proposed to offer half-day rates (4 hours) for both Saturday and Sunday. New rates would be \$80.00 (\$74.77 + tax) for half day (4 hrs), and 160.00 (\$149.53 + tax) for full day (8 hrs). Eric Maginn moved for motion, Bob Arnold seconded. Motion carried.

Naturalist Report – Leslie Arnold left her written report for all to review.

Maple Syrup Days – Event will be postponed. Presented plans to have a drive-through maple sales on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-4 and Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11-4. Presented plans to tap closer to 300 trees instead of 600 trees.

Reviewed 2021 goals for Parks – To use County ADA funds to replace Delt Field Pavilion. To finish Oak Savannah at Delt Park. Discussed possibility of volleyball courts at Delt Park. Discussed condition of some of the Park Signs.

Bruce Troyer – Discussed memorial to let family know where money is used, Pine Knob Park.

Discussed and decided to send a note to the family of Larry Miller to express our sympathy for their loss, and our thanks for his commitment to LaGrange County and to LaGrange County Parks Department.

**CLAIMS:**

December 2020 Claims – December 18, 2020 docket was approved via email. Presented docket at this meeting for signatures. Bob Arnold moved, Paul Yoder seconded, December 2020 Claim Docket Approved.

January 2021 Claims – Bob Arnold moved, Eric Maginn seconded, January 2021 Claim Docket Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolheter, acting Secretary  
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