



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
March 25, 2021  
7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Ardala Hepler, Bob Arnold, Eric Maginn, Julia Wolhete

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

**MINUTES:** Julia Wolhete moved and Ardala Hepler seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Grants: Mike Metz Fen LWCF Project – Open received Bid Packets.

1. Big C Shishewana – Item#3 Azek Total \$137,090.24  
**Big C Shishewana – Item#4 Lumber Total \$76,764.58**
2. **Javets – Item#3 Azek Total \$115,127.94** (can subtract \$400 with tool return)
3. Irving Sand & Gravel – Item#1 Total \$42,342.00
4. Irving Materials (IMI) – Item#1 Total \$50,718.15
5. Jasper Trucking – Item#1 Total \$40,083.55  
Jasper Trucking – Item#2 Total \$19,889.25
6. Received bid from Alpha Building Center that was disqualified for not having the bid packet paperwork filled out and not being presented in a sealed envelope.

Julia Wolhete moved to accept bid of \$76,764.58 from Big C Shishewana for Item#4 Lumber package. Eric Maginn seconded the motion. Motion carried

Eric Maginn moved to accept bid of \$115,127.94 from Javets for Item#3 Azek package. Julia Wolhete seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion about stone quotes being significantly above budget. Bob Arnold suggested more analysis of the pricing and we can call another meeting if needed to make decision on winning bidder. Item #1 and Item#2 bid acceptance awards were tabled for this meeting.

Maple Syrup Sale – March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Drive-thru sale for last year's (2020) syrup was successful. Saturday was steady all day. Sunday started with customers showing up at 10:30 am (scheduled to open @ 11am) and was busy steady until syrup was all sold out by 12:30pm. Sold out signs were posted. This year's syrup was average crop. Normally 600 trees are tapped and an average of 91 gallons of syrup is made. This year, 300 trees were tapped and 46 gallons of syrup were made. In March, total sold was about \$8,490 is syrup sales. The 2 day drive thru sale had \$6,352.00 in sales

Job Application Update – For summer job applications, we have received 1 lifeguard app, a few summer maintenance apps, and several summer camp director apps. We have not received any applications for swim instructor, so we may not have swim lessons this summer.

Also, Shelby, left in March leaving an opening for a full-time maintenance technician position to fill. We have received a few applications and have started interviews. We are hoping to find a good fit.

ADA Projects – Countertops and cabinets were delivered and are being stored in Dallas Lodge. Work has not been scheduled yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sweetgum Pavilion Rental – Renter is requesting to have a food truck to cater her memorial gathering while renting Sweetgum Pavilion. The food would be paid for by the pavilion renter and be available to the memorial group only. Food would not be available for sale to the public. Request approved.

Special Event Permit Applications – Emily Wolfe created some special event permit forms for the board to review and to share thoughts at our next meeting.

Mike Metz Fen Program – Mary Franke and Nate Simons are having a program at Mike Metz Fen for the Friends of LaGrange County Park on April 12, 2021 at 6pm. Mary Franke invited members of the park board to attend to see how the property is growing.

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

**CLAIMS:**

Ardala Hepler moved and Julia Wolheter second a motion to accept March claims as presented. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ardala Hepler, Secretary  
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