



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
April 22, 2021
7:00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Franke, Terry Martin, Richard Muntz, Emily Wolfe

MINUTES: Bob Arnold moved and Eric Maginn seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting and Executive Meeting March 30, 2021. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Metz Fen LWCF Project

Getting ready to start. Limestone being delivered. Waiting on lumber.
Property deed down from 46 pages to 7 pages.

Job Application Update

1. Hired Full time maintenance technician – Chris Sluyter.
2. Summer jobs – need more lifeguards, only have one hired so far. Another Newspaper Ad was sent in today. If we can't find more lifeguards, may ask for another job description for beach attendant – won't be certified but can be present to help keep an eye on and maintain the beach.
3. Day Camp Director hired – Autumn Wolfe. Kyle Burchett will be Day Camp Assistant. Posted Day Camp Schedule – already starting to get full.
4. Jim Sheffield – retired police officer. He would like a part time / 20 hours a week job. Would be good to watch the beach and maybe some mowing in the fall.

Special Event Permit

1. Richard Muntz is checking over for liability, etc.
 2. Eric Maginn moved and Julia Wohleter seconded a motion to require all Special Events to rent at least one pavilion with gate fee waived. Motion carried.
 3. Paul Yoder moved and Bob Arnold seconded a motion that all food vendors must pay \$100.00 when applying for permit, with \$100 refundable deposit returned if clean up is done. Motion carried.
 4. Julia Wohleter moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to accept the above changes to the Special Event Permit Application forms. Motion carried.
- Discussion included food vendors needing a license and liability insurance, all stated in application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Logan Field Pavilion

- Must come down. New pavilion proposed to be built on other side of road in middle field that will be closer to playground. Size proposed as 40'x40' - estimated to about \$80,000 to \$100,000 – includes building, parking lot, concrete, water & electric, picnic tables. (not including demolition of old pavilion). Would like to add another restroom nearby, estimated cost of \$30,000. Hopefully to start in 2021 and be complete to start renting in spring of 2022. Discussed possibility of funds from LaGrange County ADA Fund and to look for grants to help with cost. Old pavilion concrete slab could stay – keep the grill and water and a few picnic tables there for first come use.

Events/Programs

- Ribs? - is tentative.
- Music in the park? – is tentative. Idea is to have once a month at Dallas Sweetgum Pavilion.
- Naturalist Barn – Leslie Arnold expressed interest in a small barn at other parks to be a naturalist station. Discussed options of finding something mobile that could go to any park on weekends Leslie is not at Maple Wood. May look into a custom trailer. Will do more research.

Other

- Naturalist Report – Leslie Arnold left her written report for all to review.
- The blemish archery targets are up and look just fine. The ordered target inserts are delayed until end of May.

CLAIMS:

Julia Wohleter moved and Bob Arnold seconded a motion to accept March claims as presented. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ardala Hepler, Secretary
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