

LAGRANGE COMMUNITY PARK
LAGRANGE, OHIO
Minutes of the 03/12/2024 Meeting

Roll call: Dennis Smith, Tom Monroe, Russ Reising, Steve Pycraft, Tina Pribulsky, Debbie Zarbaugh.

Minutes of the 2/13/2024 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Tom Monroe, seconded by Steve Pycraft, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Discussion:

The following bills were presented for payment: Ohio Edison in the amount of \$354.35 for electric service; Columbia Gas in the amount of \$67.54 gas service; LaGrange Utilities in the amount of \$236.00 for water service; Republic Services in the amount of \$148.69 for trash removal services; Cole's Energy in the amount of \$881.11; P & J Sanitation in the amount of \$180.00 for port-a-potty rental; Born Implement in the amount of \$1,275.00 for gear box; Mast Lepley in the amount of \$495.26 for equipment maintenance; John Deere Financial in the amount of \$7.94 for equipment maintenance; Debbie Zarbaugh in the amount of \$250.00 for services for March, 2024; Dennis Smith in the amount of \$296.00 for reimbursement for domain name fee and Squarespace fee, A motion was made by Tom Monroe, seconded by Steve Pycraft, that the bills be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Poling was in attendance to swear in Russ, Tom and Debbie.

Rita Canfield, LaGrange Township Trustee, Roger Kuhl, LaGrange Township Trustee, Curt Karpinski, Village Council for LaGrange, Kaley DeVore, Laura DeVore and Ryan Smith were in attendance.

The Mayor of LaGrange and the police chief have asked the park to close for the eclipse. The police chief does not feel he has the manpower to monitor the park that day. Rita Canfield indicated that there is also some concern about how the park will be left after the event. She also stated that walking to the park is an option. Kaley DeVore expressed concern that if the park was closed people would be parking anywhere they could find a spot. Roger Kuhl stated that he has learned from emergency management that some of the bigger cities are closing their parks. Village Council and the Township Trustees recommend closing the park. After discussion, a motion was made by Russ Reising, seconded by Tom Monroe, that the board follow the guidelines of the Village, Township and Police Department and close the park from dusk on Sunday, April 7, 2024 until 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Kaley DeVore and Laura DeVore were in attendance to discuss with the board the contract for operating the concession stand. Steve explained the contract to those in attendance at the meeting. Hot Stove will be partnering with LaGrange Global Methodist Church for staffing of tournaments, high school and Hot Stove games, with a 60/40 split (60% to Hot Stove/Church, 40% to the park board) with the board to receive no less than \$2,500 for the season. Payment will be due to the board on the first day of each month beginning April 1, 2024. The contract will be for the season and includes tournaments that occur in August. The Hot Stove treasurer will be in charge of the bookkeeping. Kaley expressed concern about having more tournaments scheduled. After discussion, a motion was made by Russ Reising, seconded by Tom Monroe, that the board not allow any additional tournaments to be scheduled at the park from now through June, 2024. Motion passed. Steve Pycraft abstained. A motion was made by Russ Reising, seconded by Tom Monroe, that the board enter into a contract with Hot Stove to take over the concession stand after a contract is signed by all parties and provided that all forms and paperwork have been completed and submitted to the park. Motion passed. Steve Pycraft abstained.

Chris Sito is concerned about the fees and additional charges his organization would incur if they held their tournament at the park. He is asking for an actual set amount for their field and prepping charges. The fields will be prepared for the first game and after that it is up to the Village employees.

Kye Osborne, Township Road Superintendent, was in attendance and presented the board with a packet that he and Melissa put together of different projects to be completed at the park. The Village and Township have agreed to take care of the smaller projects but will not take care of the parking lot resurfacing. The plan specifies an estimated cost for each project. Dennis asked the total cost to the board. The only board cost would be the parking lot resurfacing. Kyle stated that he would coordinate with the Village employees on a timeline but thinks most of the projects could be completed this year. A motion was made by Russ Reising, seconded by Steve Pycraft, that the projects submitted by Melissa Lilly and Kyle Osborne, other than the parking lot resurfacing, be approved at no cost to the board be accepted and allowed to take place. Motion passed unanimously.

Rita Canfield presented the Board with the Township's funding for 2024 of \$35,000.00. Laura DeVore presented the board with a \$500 donation from KYF and a \$500.00 from KYF from the concession stand. We received a check from the Village of LaGrange for its funding for 2024 in the amount of \$35,000.00. It's great to have KYF back at the park. Rita thanked Kaley and Laura for their efforts to the community.

Hot Stove would like to have its meetings at the concession stand. Dennis will ask Melissa to get Hot Stove a key. The board asked that Hot Stove ensure that all the lights are off, the area is cleaned up and the heat is set back at the end of each meeting. Discussion was held about outstanding keys. Melissa has a list of who has keys. Rita Canfield suggested a deposit for keys going forward to ensure we received them back. Tom doesn't believe we need a deposit. Dennis will check with Kate's Karts to see if she turned in her key.

Steve talked to Hot Stove a couple of times about hosting an opening day community event sometime in May on a Sunday afternoon, only for local kids. The park calendar shows May 19 as being free. An opening day event is tentatively scheduled for May 19.

Steve has ten banner forms out which he expects to be returned. Tina will be talking with people in town. Steve has received a lot of positive feedback. Curt Karpinski suggested that the signs be approved by the board prior to hanging, and also suggested a bundling option. The Board agreed that it will review and approve signs at its meetings. Steve also wanted to follow up on a work day. Tina has a Boy Scout troop that might be interested in helping with the pavilions. Steve will get a date and send it to board members by email.

Craig Canfield stated that everything at the park is ready to go. The water will be turned on this week for the bathrooms and concession stand area.

Dennis has a request for the pavilion by the soccer fields for June 29 and electric use. That pavilion does not have electric. The pavilion with electric is in the front by the pond. He will relay this information to the requester.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tom Monroe, seconded by Dennis Smith, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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