

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING-July 11, 2019

The LaMoure County Memorial Park Board met at Memorial Park at approximately 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Chairman Bob Flath, Commissioners Lee Miller, Bruce Klein, Park Board Members Billi Warcken, Kenneth Klever, Sonya Albertson, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Park Superintendent Kevin Shockman, and Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail.

The board did a walk-through of the museum, starting with the main building to look at the second-floor ceiling. It is cracked and plaster is beginning to fall. The museum board would like to have it repaired and sheet rocked. Duane Clark and Chuck Dathe had at one time looked on top of the building for evidence of leaks but could not locate any. The county will use the drone to take a look at the roof. No decision was made on when to have the ceiling fixed.

The LaMoure Fire Department donated a 1940 Fire Truck to the museum and they would like to display it on the east side of the back gate where the pile of gravel is currently located. Everyone felt that it would be okay.

The school house has two issues. The water damage in the entrance to the country school house was checked. Water has been leaking near the bell tower. Luke Yohe went on top of the roof and he could see where rain was getting in. The board said to get it repaired. The museum board would also like to replace the screen door on the schoolhouse. That was approved. The county will pay for it.

The board then moved into the annex. The museum board wants more lighting and more air circulation in the annex and is asking the park board to install four lighted ceiling fans. The board suggested getting passive vents to put in each end of the building to get the hot air out of the building, then perhaps install ceiling fans or use large floor fans for air circulation. The passive end vents could be capped in the winter. For more lighting, higher wattage bulbs could be put in the current fixtures. All would be paid for by the county.

The board was asked why the museum pays the electric bill for the museum. The park board approved having the county pay the museum electric bill. Sonya asked whether any contract/agreement was drawn up when the mill levy was approved in 1982 as to what bills the museum board pays and what the county pays when it comes to museum expenses. No one knew of any agreements.

The board looked at the riverbank by the annex that is starting to slide. Chairman Flath has talked to the engineers and they say to wait and see, that it is not unusual. It needs to dry out before a determination can be made on what to do. Flath has applied for the cost-share money from NRCS in case repairs do need to be made to the bank.

Park Superintendent Kevin Shockman reported that the John Deere mower is giving trouble. The engine will just quit. It is still under warranty and will be hauled to LaMoure to be checked out.

Shockman is also wanting to get a quote from Direct Electric of Edgeley for converting the two 4-outlet pedestals at the campground to four 2-outlet pedestals. This would make more efficient use of space for the RV's that park there.

There was discussion on repairing the rock entrance but no action was taken. Rocky Gabel has not contacted anyone on the park board about coming to assess what needs to be done.

The centennial next year was discussed. Possible dates will either be July 10, 11, and 12 of 2020 or the following weekend, July 17, 18, and 19 of 2020. There are about 12 volunteers so far. A decision has to be made on whether or not to have it in conjunction with the Pioneer Picnic. Lacy Haberman Andersen has agreed to head the t-shirt committee and is working on a t-shirt logo. The committee should come up with a cost estimate for a celebration to submit to the commissioners during their budget meetings. The board gave the okay to make a centennial book.

There was discussion that the family of Katie Bender would like to donate a gazebo or a picnic shelter. The park board would like a gazebo.

There was also discussion about putting up a tornado shelter. It would hold approximately 100 people and would qualify for a grant. The cost would be approximately \$16,000.00.

At this time the park board went to the park house. Bruce Klein and Kenneth Klever left the meeting. There is a leak around the chimney of the house. There are water stains and the plaster is bulging. Chairman Flath said to hire someone to repair the flashing around the chimney.

The poor shape of the wooden sidewalk on the north side of the house and of the flower beds was discussed. They should be repaired sometime in the future.

A new wall air conditioner has been installed in the park house kitchen. It is working well.

The consensus was that when the house is rented out, pets should not be allowed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor