

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY PARK BOARD- October 23, 2024**

The LaMoure County Park Board met Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the park shop, with Chairman Lee Miller, board members Jason Weigel, Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Billi Warcken, and Curwood Seefeldt. Also attending Park caretaker Kevin Shockman, Terri Potts, Darrell Bassen and Tom Hatton. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Shop tour: Board members toured the new shop. A very nice job was done of building it. The shop, along with machine storage, also has an office, break room and heater.

Chairman Miller asked for any additions to the agenda. Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Seefeldt second. All in favor and motion passed.

First item on the agenda was tobacco signs. After some discussion, a sign was selected. Motion by Mr. Seefeldt to change the verbiage from "tobacco free park" to "tobacco free area". Mr. Flath second. All in favor and motion passed.

Storm shelter update: The archeology survey was completed and cost about \$10,000. A bottlecap was found in the site area. The cost of the shelter has gone up and is now at a standstill. The grant time limit has been extended and the money allotted is still available.

Bathroom renovation: the renovation is now going to start in the spring and the plan has been finalized.

Permit: Ms. Warcken checked with and obtained a permit from Grand Rapids township for a shelter over the donated firetruck. A permit was not obtained for the cement pad storing the firepits by Mr. Shockman.

Future projects: picnic shelters, auditorium stage and address the stucco on the park house.

Firewood: Tanya Wieler HR consultant said that tipping a county employee is illegal. The firewood "donation" mailbox will need to be removed. Will invite Julianne Racine to the spring meeting to discuss the wood situation in the county.

On-line reservation system: It has come to attention that some guests are paying late or may not be paying at all. Other area parks use an online reservation system. More information will be brought to the spring meeting.

Bills: per the State Auditors, employees should not be paying bills and then having to be reimbursed. The billing of county expenses should go through the Auditors office and to the Commissioners for approval.

Manager report: The closing date had not been set but the gates will be shut and sign put out on November 1, 2024. Water lines will be blown out once the compressor is either fixed or one can be borrowed/rented. The riverbank area going to the auditorium will need some attention in the future. Should talk to the township about dust control on the gravel road east of the park. Water report was good however the wells are old and maybe should be checked and also the water at the kitchen bathhouse should be checked. A heated chemical cabinet is wanting to be built in the shop for chemicals and paint. As discussed in a previous meeting, those items should go to the highway dept as they already have the required area.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF November, 2024

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LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Billi Warcken, Park Board Secretary