

**Prairieville Regular Parks Commission Meeting  
September 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Chairperson – MaryAnn Devries-Present  
Vice-chairperson - Kevin Louden-Present  
Secretary - Judy Risdon- Present  
Treasurer – Gary Baumgardener- Present  
Recreation Director - Scott Kuebler- Present  
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**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Scott Kuebler, 2nd by Kevin Louden  
Yeas carry

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Scott Kuebler, 2nd by Judy Risdon

**TREASURER’S REPORT – pooled cash as of 8-31-2022 \$206,485.27**

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Motion to accept the Treasures report as presented and to pay the bills in the amount of \$7,175.28 made by Gary Baumgardener, 2nd by MaryAnn Devries  
Yeas carry

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**PARKS REPORT – PARKS MANAGER- Absent**

**FISHING TOURNAMENT UPDATE - RECREATION DIRECTOR**

GULL LAKE 2  
UPPER CROOKED HAS 3  
LOWER CROOKED HAS 0  
PINE LAKE HAS 5

2023	Gull Lake 5	Pine Lake	5
	Upper Crooked Lake 5	Lower Crooked	0

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (3 minutes - state name and address)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Kayak Launch;** A trip was taken to Paw Paw’s Maple Lake to view the ADA Kayak Launch site. Photos were shared and a discussion was held. MaryAnn Devries spoke with city officials. The dock is a floating dock to adjust to lake levels, The dock is removed in the fall and replaced in the spring, there is a ramp purchased to facilitate lake levels and entry, and is purchased from Easy Dock. Options were discussed. Ideas need to be submitted by the October Meeting for decisions to apply to the Budget for 2023. Areas for placement were discussed for a trial. Concerns of adding a floating dock taking space for boats docking to pick up the pizzas was mentioned. A suggestion was made to use one of the old docks for Pizza pick up & placing it near the creek.

## Updates: cameras, skid piers, and returnable container

1. The cameras are placed. The web camera will be added to the Parks and Recreation home page at the Township site.
2. The Skid Piers will be delivered by the end of October. A grant has been received!
3. The Grant for the Recycle Container for the Gull Lake site has been received & the 45 gal container will arrive by the end of October. MaryAnn Devries will contact the Boy Scout Troop to see if they want to pick up the cans & bottles for the deposits. If not, Judy Risdon has volunteered to pick up the collected & bagged recyclables and collect the monies for the Attendants.

## Evaluation, Parks Manager

All Commission Members and TK Pence filled an evaluation form for the Parks Manager position. Everyone focused on the same issues.

TK has arranged a schedule for next season for jobs/activities to be completed. He has established priorities.

The Commission Members have signed the evaluation, MaryAnn Devries will have TK sign and his evaluation will be placed on file.

**A motion was made to extend the contract to TK Pence as Parks Manager for the next year by Scott Kuebler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Risdon. Yeas carried.**

A salary adjustment was discussed. Researching will be done and reported at the October meeting.

## Other additions to 5 Year Plan – Gull Lake Pavilion, fishing access at Parker Road

A list was accumulated to add to the Five-Year Plan.

1. Gull Lake
  - New Buoys
  - New pavilion
  - Grills placed
  - Trees attended to
  - Signs for Invasive Species education updated/refreshed
2. Parker Road
  - Boardwalk to accommodate the North Country Trail [with their assistance] along Parker Road and add a fishing area access. A Grant Application will be discussed with the NCT Committee
3. Pine Lake Rec
  - ADA compliance for the Pickle Ball Courts
  - Disc Golf Course adjustment to coincide with the Verizon Tower placement
  - Walking Trail entrance relocation to adjust for the Verizon Tower placement

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **UCL grant info**

DNR is offering grants to fight invasive species. UCL is interested in writing one. MaryAnn Devries has spoken with the DCLA and Paul Yelsma regarding the grant. The DCLA cannot be a receiving agency. MaryAnn Devries will speak to the Township Treasurer & Clerk to see if the Township would be the receiving agency to receive the grant and distribute funds according to the guidelines. MaryAnn Devries will start brainstorming for a grant project with Paul Yelsma and Scott Kuebler will follow up.

### **2023 Hang Tags**

There were 1,937 hang tags from 2021 found. These tags will be remediated for as long as they last.

**A motion was made to allow spending up to \$50.00 to remediate the tags by Gary Baumgardener, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Louden. Yeas carry**

### **GLWQ**

An email was received from Kay in regards to clean up around the Praireville Creek. Judy Risdon will contact and arrange a meeting to see what is needed and requested and report in October.

### **Verizon Tower**

FYI: In 2017, the Township signed an agreement with Verizon to build a tower at Pine Lake Rec. Stakes have been placed for the preparation. The Disc Golf Course may need adjusting to fit with the fencing around the tower. The Walking Trail entrance may need to be relocated.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes - state name and address)**

1. Larry Carter, Gull Lake Sailing Club, wanted to Thank the Commission for working with them. They will be finishing up their schedule this week. It was a great season.
  - He has a concern, though, with adding another dock for an ADA compliant kayak. Boats arrive and beach their boats to run & pick up their pizzas. This cuts into the launch site for the small sail boats and kayaks from the beach. He would like us to keep that in mind.
  - With our technology, you could buy a 65" TV and show graphs, pictures, videos from your computers and phones
2. Ted Devries, 12712 Merlau Ave, Elections are 11.8.2022. There will be 2 spaces for write in votes. Gary, you will receive papers soon for the write-in. If you know of anyone who would like to run, have them register as a write-in. If there is no one running, an appointee will be made within 45 days or a special election will needed.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Chairperson – MaryAnn Devries

Thank you everyone for being here.

Vice-chairperson - Kevin Louden

Secretary - Judy Risdon

I will contact Kay and get pictures for you to share. And Thank you MaryAnn for all you do!

Treasurer – Gary Baumgardener

This was a good meeting! I am really enjoying myself!

Recreation Director - Scott Kuebler

I caught 2 pike on GL! One 35 & 36 in pike. Caught & release so they are there for someone else!

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made to adjourn by Gary Baumgardener and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Kuebler  
Yeas carried.**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Lorraine Brown**