

Prairieville Township Parks and Recreation Report
MaryAnn DeVries, Chairperson
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- My last meeting with Parks and Recreation is this October. I will be in office until mid November. I will report to you for the Parks at your next meeting. My goal is to get things tied up and ready for the Parks to continue without interruption. They have been doing great things and have more planned. Prairieville Township is lucky to have such a dedicated group.
- At our September meeting, discussions about salary were started. One thing the board would like to do is look at our Parks Manager being paid a salary instead of by the hour. Two of the main reasons are, each year there are variables that affect the actual time worked and it is a 24/7 job as the manager is on call. Going to salary would make it easier for the manager to plan and also for the board to budget. I have been gathering data including average hours worked for the last three years and average amount paid to parks managers. I have been told the Prairieville Township Board has to approve this change. I will be bringing that request to the November meeting.
- As I told you in August, the Parks and Rec Commission gave a proposal to Delton Crooked Lake Association for the Upper Crooked Lake Wash Station in 2023. Scott and I attended their meeting and left hopeful of a joint effort with the DCLA. We just received their response. As a board we will be discussing our reply at our October 24 meeting.
- We will also be updating our 5 year plan at the October meeting. Discussions have included the addition of the North Country Trail idea of adding a walkway at Parker Road. The NCT project will need to have a grant to pay for it. I have offered to help with the actual writing of the grant if the research has been done. Two others are a pavillion at Gull Lake park for our guests to enjoy and a trial kayak launch at one of the parks. These will be decided in October.

