

1 **Minutes for Prairieville Regular Parks Commission Meeting**

2 **January 23rd, 2023, at 6:30p.m.**

3 **CALL TO ORDER 6:33P.M.**

4 **ROLL CALL** Vice-Chairperson – Kevin Louden – Present

5 Secretary – Judy Risdon – Present

6 Treasurer – Gary Baumgardner – Present

7 Recreation Director - Scott Kuebler - Present

8 Parks Board Member - David Haas - Present

9 Public attendees – 5

10 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

11 Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Judy Risdon, supported by David Haas; all
12 yeas, motion carried.

13 **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

14 Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Judy Risdon, supported by Gary
15 Baumgardner; all ayes, motion carried.

16 **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER - David Haas by all.**

17 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

18 **POOLED CASH AS OF 12/31/2022, \$ 203,691.16.**

19 **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

20 Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented and to pay the bills in the
21 amount of \$ 4,862.15 made by Kevin Louden, supported by Judy Risdon; all ayes,
22 motion carried.

23 **MAIL BOXES AT TOWN HALL:**

24 Park’s mailbox to read “Park Board”, Secretary or Treasurer to check Park’s mailbox on
25 a regular basis

26 **TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES’ MEETING FEEDBACK:**

27 Discussed and accepted: Dave Haas to fill open Parks Commission position.

28 **BUDGET MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.**

29 **PARKS REPORT – PARKS MANAGER – TK**

30 Not much going on because of no ice on lakes.

31 **DISCUSSION ABOUT UPGRADING SEASONAL PASS SYSTEM:**

32 Suggestion from T. K. Pence made to add an online link for applications with payment
33 ability, Judy to check with Ted and/ or Mary Ann and will report back next month.

34 **FISHING TOURNAMENT UPDATE – RECREATION DIRECTOR – Scott Kuebler**

35 Scott gave the current number of applicants for each lake.

36 Gull Lake – 46 Upper Crooked Lake – 39

37 Lower Crooked Lake – 3 Pine Lake - 29

38 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

39 1. Upper Crooked Wash Station:

40 Discussion and review of note dated January 10, 2023, from DCLA. Agreed that
41 volunteers from the school would be good but, Parks Board declined DCLA’s request for
42 funds to pay attendants.

43 Suggestion of a passive drain system discussed, it’s like a strainer using gravel, further
44 research needed.

45 2. Budget – Review latest proposed 2023-2024 budget.

46 Reviewed line by line by all members with changes made as suggested to be ready for
47 Budget meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

48 3. Snow removal contract proposal for township was accepted by Trustees.

49 4. Gull Lake Pavilion feasibility investigation:

50 Quotes from American Athletix included in packet, estimates are only a beginning point
51 to see where to start. Grants to help fund project will be pursued.

52 **Public Comment**

53 **Craig Shoemaker 7402 Bender Road**

54 Craig was asked to share knowledge of possible grants available to the Parks to help fund
55 the pavilion. He suggested several with various due dates, some which begin to be due in
56 February. Craig said that the Park Commission would need a 5-year park/rec master plan
57 for the DNR to consider authorizing a grant. Plan should be professionally prepared to
58 make sure it has all information the grant provider will need for acceptance. Craig also
59 mentioned that each grantor may ask for different details to be included in the
60 application. As grants have different information to be added they also have different
61 dollar ranges and fees as well as some with fund matches. It was suggested that the Parks
62 Board prepare the master plan and research the grants available

63 **Paul Yelsma**

64 Representing Delton Crooked Lake Association (DCLA)

65 Paul discussed with the board the passive drain system suggest. Paul also discussed that
66 he’d like the attendant at the wash station to collect information from the boat owners as
67 they enter the wash station, such as name, date, time and MC# as part of an inspection,

68 although there is a question of legality in collecting the MC#. It was discussed that there
69 is a state law that boats exiting the lake are to be washed and if any lake debris is within
70 sight a ticket could be issued. Paul also mentioned that Crooked Lake has 40-50 fishing
71 tournaments estimated for 2023. Paul shared that DCLA pays over \$50,000 annually for
72 evasive weed control.

73 **Julie Yelsma**

74 Representing Delton Crooked Lake Association (DCLA)

75 Julie asked a direct question about the funds requested in the 12/12/2022,
76 correspondence. (See Unfinished Business, item 1, for the response to this request)

77 **Additional Comment, Speaker's name not captured**

78 When people have a boat wash and begin to use it, they'll want to use it so their boat is
79 clean when they park it.

80 **New Business**

81 No new business discussed.

82 **Board Comments**

83 All members thanked Dave Haas for his commitment to the Park Board.

84 All members thanked Becky Kloth for her commitment to help with the minute taking.

85 **Gary Baumgardner** – Interesting meeting, I much appreciate having Becky here to take the
86 minutes, it's not an easy job.

87 **Judy Risdon** – I will: Talk to Ted DeVries about online payment processing for the Seasonal
88 Boat Launch Passes and talk to Mary Ann about who did the last 5-year plan, I will find
89 out what I can.

90 **Dave Haas** – Overwhelmed. I will try to go to the next township meeting to see how it runs.

91 **Kevin Loudon** – Thanks to Dave and Becky for their time to be here.

92 **Scott Kuebler** – Thanks to Dave for joining us and Becky for doing minutes tonight and into
93 the future. Thanks to Gary, I appreciated the input not just tonight but in the past about
94 thinking of the big picture and dreaming big. With the large bank balance and me not
95 being able to visualize making the parks better Gary's imagination is just what we need.

96 **Next Meeting** – February 27, 2023

97 **Adjournment at:** 8:31 p.m.

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