



## Clark County Park District

### Regular Board Meeting

June 21, 2018

6pm

#### 1. Call To Order

- a. President Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6pm

#### 2. Roll Call

- a. Commissioners in attendance were Randy Blankenship, Joey Ewing, Don Pine, Lisa Thomas, Jeff Wallace, Roy Sweet, and Steve Turpin. Also in attendance was Executive Director Jeff Tippett and Administrative Assistant Danielle Kiger.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

- a. Wallace motioned to approve the agenda. Thomas second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Monthly Board Meeting 5-17-18
  - i. Wallace motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 5-17-18. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes 5-17-18
  - i. Wallace motioned to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated 5-17-18. Sweet second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### 6. Public Comment

- a. John Kraft stated that he was happy to see the discussion and vote to remove lake lot leases from the county records on the agenda. When the lake lot leases were created, there was an outcry from the public over the park leasing lots. He commented that some of the board members are now sitting here because of this outcry. Removing the lot leases from county records or cancelling the plat, doesn't waste or negate any of the money that the park has already spent on surveys. Those surveys are still good. In his opinion the removing the leases from the county records and cancelling the plat give the public the opportunity to come together again and give them a little time to formulate some more oppositions should the park in the future decide to lease those lots out again if they ever have a change of Board Members that are a majority in favor of leasing those lots. You are not destroying the money that has already been spent, the surveys are still good. You cannot destroy the surveys because that would be destruction of public records. All you are doing is essentially making a statement that you don't want to lease them and you are affording the public additional time in the future to come together and form opposition should you decide to lease those lots again.



## **7. Director's Report**

- a. Tippet reported that there has been some theft on the rental docks again. One boater had some gas syphoned out. On another boat, some people spent the night partying on it. Whoever it was left some booze bottles behind and left his radio on, draining his battery. The park has put the deer cameras back down there in specific locations to try and catch whoever is down there.
- b. Tippet commented on the incident that happened on the horse trails. The police were called, and a report was made resulting in a battery charge. A warrant is being sought at this time. The offender has been banned from the park.
- c. Tippet reported that he has spoken to Hank Sutton several times regarding the pickup of the rock boat. He stated that if he doesn't pick up the boat this week, we were going to go to work with it. Sutton will be here to get the boat Friday morning.
- d. The dodge ram was backed into over by the Lions Shelter. The police were called but they declined to do a report because it was so deep off of the roadway. Tippet contacted the striking vehicles insurance company, they already did the estimate, and we have a check on the way for \$2,300. The truck is still drivable.

## **8. Discussion of Financials**

- a. Thomas commented that she and Danielle worked on cleaning up some stuff today and that they will be working on it again tomorrow making sure the beginning accounts receivable balances are right and that our advance reservations is right. They are going to look at the items as well because some of the items come up as odd numbers.

## **9. Payment of Bills**

- a. Thomas motioned to pay the presented bills with the exception of Marshall Pool. Pine second.
- b. Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace aye, Sweet aye, and Turpin aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **10. Old Business**

- a. Discussion and Vote Rip Rap Purchase
  - i. Tippet stated would like to start to purchase rip rap for the erosion project. He is asking for the board to approve him to start ordering the rock up to the appropriated amount of \$42,000. He stated that he will only be ordering 500 tons at a time.
  - ii. Ewing motioned to approve the purchase of rip rap up to \$42,000. Thomas second.
    1. Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace aye, Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **11. New Business**

- a. Approval of payment for Aerial Fireworks for \$6500 as well as \$900 for the band Jac Freeze and \$150 for DJ Mike Murphy
  - i. Wallace motioned to approve the payments. Ewing second.
    1. Wallace aye, Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.



- b. Discussion and vote to move more money to safety maintenance expense
  - i. Tippet is asking to move \$500 to the safety maintenance expense line.
  - ii. Wallace motioned to appropriate \$500 towards maintenance expense from contingency line item. Ewing second.
    - 1. Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and vote for purchase of new vehicle
  - i. Tippet commented that the park is in need of a new security truck and we need to replace the Dodge ¾ ton pickup.
  - ii. Kiger explained where the money would be coming from for the vehicles. She stated that under capital outlay equipment there was \$4,088.98 that was originally budgeted for year-long, \$2500 was unused in office equipment expense that will have to be moved to maintenance equipment, which gives us \$6, 588.89 to add to equipment.
  - iii. Tippet explained that he would like to utilize Coparts.com to purchase the vehicles.
  - iv. Thomas believes that the \$2300 insurance can be spent, as this is unexpected money.
  - v. Wallace motioned to allow Tippet up to \$6,000 be spent to purchase new/used vehicles. Sweet second.
    - 1. Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas nay, Wallace aye, Sweet aye. 6 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and vote on 2018-2019 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance
  - i. Pine motioned to approve. Thomas second.
    - 1. Blankenship aye, Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace aye, Sweet aye, Turpin aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- e. Discussion and Vote on amount of payment to Deaton's Waterfront Service
  - i. Tippet explained that we did not receive any bids for the aluminum planking so we are going to make what we have work.
  - ii. Deke Haws, Maintenance Supervisor, demonstrated and explained how the starter strips could be modified to work.
  - iii. Tippet is proposing that all of the time and labor that it is taking to modify the planks will be closely documented and that cost would be deducted from his payment.
  - iv. Tippet is asking that the board would table any payments to Deaton's Waterfront Service until all of the modifications are done.
  - v. Turpin suggested that we communicate with Deaton's that because he instructed the park to outsource that we have come up with a way to use the planks and not to come and pick them up and that we will adjust the payment after the cost is determined. However he feels that we should pay him something.



- vi. Thomas motioned to pay Deaton's \$75,000 which leaves us approximately \$12000 to make the modifications, and paying him the remainder minus expenses when the project is complete in order to show good faith. Motion died.
- vii. Wallace motioned to pay Deaton's \$81,394.05 towards this project. Motion died.
- viii. Ewing motioned to table and kick this issue back to the dock committee and get a better idea of what it is going to take to fix it. Motion died.
- ix. Ewing motioned to pay for the dock in full for \$87,479.55. Thomas second.
  1. Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace nay, Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship nay. 5 ayes, 2 nays. Motion passed.
- f. Discussion and Vote Treasurer's Report
  - i. Pine motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Thomas second.
  - ii. Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace aye, Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- g. Discussion and Vote Job Estimate for Chip and Seal Campground Areas
  - i. Wallace motioned to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Clark County Highway Department for \$21, 430.69 for a project scope which includes the Campground's A section and the same for the amount of \$1,362.00 for the loop in C Section. Thomas second.
  - ii. Thomas aye, Wallace aye, Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye, Pine aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- h. Discussion and Vote First Right of Refusal Cabin Rentals Appendix A
  - i. Ewing commented that the camper's committee recommends that cabins be added to the Appendix A and reservation policy mirror that of the campground as far as first right of refusal to begin April 1, 2019.
  - ii. Ewing motioned to approve the first right of refusal for cabin rental in Appendix A. Thomas second. 6 ayes, Pine nay. Motion carried.
- i. Discussion and Vote Corporate Fund and Audit Fund
  - i. Pine commented that they are suggesting that at the end of the year, the Corporate Fund and the Audit Fund balances are brought to a zero balance in the same manner that the Liability Fund is done. This is to avoid carrying over a negative balance.
  - ii. Pine motioned that the Board attribute 80% of the Executive Director's salary and the Administrative Assistant's salary to the Recreation Fund with the remaining 20% being charges to the Corporate Fund Effective April 1, 2018. Turpin second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
    1. Thomas suggested that this is made a resolution.
  - iii. Turpin motioned that the IMRF Fund and the Audit Fund are both zeroed out at the end of the year. Pine second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- j. Discussion and Vote Remove Lake Dock Leases from County Records



- i. Thomas commented that under the covenant, the property can only be used for residential use. The Board has the authority to change, supplement, or release rights under the covenants once we vote on it, then we must record it with the Clerk's office. We can either spend the money to have the land resurveyed or we can revoke the plat and that opens that property up to be used for whatever the park needs. She believes that this can be accomplished by making a resolution and recording it with the County Clerk's Office.
  - ii. Blankenship is suggesting with Josh having trails over there, that we could use this land for public use. He feels that we should legally remove the plat.
  - iii. Blankenship motions to do away with the plat for the lease lots, with the attorney's help, so it can be used for public use via resolution by the park's attorney. Thomas second.
    - 1. Wallace aye, Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing nay, Pine nay, Thomas aye. 5 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.
- k. Discussion of Methyl/Mercury within the Lake Fish
- i. Tippet reported that in the 2018 IDNR Illinois Fishing Book, on page 71, last paragraph states that you should not eat the bass out of Mill Creek Lake as well as Lincoln Trail State Park's lake. He contacted IDNR Biologist Mike Mounce who states this is not true, you shouldn't eat any big fish of any species from this lake as the bigger they are the more contaminants they have in them. He contacted the Illinois Department of Health and they support Mike Mounce and provided a fact sheet, stating that you can eat the small fish, but to avoid eating the large bass because they are contaminated with Mercury. We are not tainted, we aren't the only one who gets this contamination, and it comes from the electric stations emitting mercury. It gets into the soil, flows through the farmer's fields which then runs into the lake. The fish eat the silt, which contains minute amounts of mercury, and when the fish eat the silt it combines with their fatty tissue and creates the methyl/mercury. Children under 15 years of age and women who are pregnant or soon to be pregnant should not eat it as it can cause defects. All of this information has been posted in the park. The lake is safe to swim in. The Illinois Public Health Department recommends that you only have the fish for one meal per week of fish less than 19 inches. If you are age 15 or less, a pregnant woman or nursing, or of child bearing age you should only eat this fish for one meal per month.

## 12. Committee Reports

- a. Campers 06/07/18
  - i. Ewing reported that they discussed Appendix A on the advance reservations of the cabins. There was also a concern of the hoverboards and electric scooters running around the campground. No progress has been made on this issue but we are working on it.
- b. Community Parks
  - i. None



- c. Docks
    - i. TBA
  - d. Finance
    - i. Turpin reported that they approved the Treasurer's Report and that they discussed the allocations and approved the month end reports.
  - e. Fishing
    - i. None
  - f. Master Plan
    - i. None
    - ii. Ewing asked to have a Master Plan meeting to discuss future projects.
    - iii. Blankenship recommended having this at the same time as Docks.
  - g. Policy
    - i. Cancelled
  - h. Trails
    - i. Cancelled
    - ii. Wallace commented that Singletracks.com once again rated the Fay Pickering Trails number 1 in the state of Illinois. We have retained that title for another year.
13. Executive Session
- a. Pine motioned to go into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act Section 2AC/1 for the purpose of discussion of Compensation and Performance of Employees and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act Section 2AC/21 or the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act. Wallace second. Sweet aye, Turpin aye, Blankenship aye, Ewing aye, Pine aye, Thomas aye, Wallace aye. O nays. Motion carried.
  - b. Ewing motioned to come out of executive session. Turpin second, all ayes no nays. Motion Passed.
14. Adjourn
- a. Blankenship motioned to adjourn, Thomas second all aye none opposed motion passed