



**Clark County Park District  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Commissioner Blankenship called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll Call**

a. Commissioners in attendance were Jeff Trefz, John Richards, Joe Ewing, Jana Williamson, Roy Sweet, Jeff Wallace, and Randy Blankenship. Also, in attendance Office Manager Chatlin Morris and Maintenance Supervisor Deke Haws.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

i. Williamson motioned to Approve the Agenda, Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

i. Richards Motioned to Approve the Meeting Minutes, Wallace Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**6. Public Comment**

i. Chris Miller Commented there is a lot in question that we did some clearing on, I have met several times with Deke Haws and Jeff Tippett several times on that lot to discuss how to approach that property. The plan was adjusted a few times by the Director to stay within what was deemed appropriate, Phillips tree service who does all the parks work was hired to follow the plan, he then met and discussed the plan personally with Jeff Tippett and Deke Haws outside of myself to make sure there was no deviation from the plan, Phillips tree service also discussed the plan with an existing board member who recommended one tree be removed which we did not remove at the Directors request which was fine, the plan was followed the dead trees were removed. The material that was dredged from a lake in Paris was brought in to build a ravine to stop the erosion 30 Tandem loads of riprap were brought in 100% of the expense was paid for by the property owner with no expense to Millcreek or rather the Taxpayer 25 tons of riprap to be exact. I have the text messages printed off from the director to shed some light. Tonight's agenda also has a discussion and vote feasibility study regarding silt ponds, to my knowledge there is only one silt pond at this lake to help control erosion, it is on the Hills & Dales property 100% paid for and constructed by Hills & Dales. Saluki engineering says likely controlling up to 85% of the silt coming into the back of Millcreek cove a roughly \$100k investment build, cost and development including land value. Done as a gentleman's agreement between Hills & Dales and Millcreek Park to not only do what's right for erosion control but for access to docks in and around Hills and Dales Property yet on the rest of tonight agenda that agreement clearly hangs in the balance as well as the future of our silt ponds dam remaining intact. The 53 acres of private property now known as Hills & Dales was taxed \$238 in 2020 thus putting approximately \$16.50 to Millcreek based upon the tax levy



from tax assessor Lisa Richey in one year the total tax went from \$238 to \$25,000 the projected taxes for the subdivision will likely end up around \$330,000 over time \$23,000 of which would in up in the hands of the Clark County Park District \$214,00 which would go to the Marshall High School it's a huge boost for The County it's a huge boost to a county with residents and businesses leaving we can thank Pritzker for that. The Hills & Dales also predicts if approved 20 new docks will generate an additional \$37,000 in annual revenue for Millcreek on shoreline that's produced 0 in the past. Also, that entire shoreline that borders Hills & Dales Subdivision will be protected and riprapped at 0 expense to the Clark County taxpayers who are currently contributing to \$177k annually to the Clark County Park District again numbers from the courthouse. The riprap protection will be in value of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250k in rock 33 lots \$7,000 per lot. The owners of Hills & Dales predict their contribution to Millcreek will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350,000 in upfront value both in rock and riprap as well as construction of the silt pond which is already complete, anyone who's been there including saluki engineering would agree it's working and it looks unbelievably professional, after that an annual contribution to the park district we think around \$60k in dock revenue and tax levy gains, thanks.

ii. Bill Painter B23 some of us are here tonight to support Larry Franks, Larry offers some entertainment in the campground does karaoke Sing a long's stuff like that, Larry received a letter from Jeff Tippett on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, "Mr. Franks Once again we have received numerous complaints about the Karaoke type music being played too loud and past the quiet time hour. The Clark County Park District has made more than an effort to mitigate the excessive noise that your karaoke system has displayed. We have been more than lenient on the volume if it stayed within the quiet time hours and have gone so far as moving the events to the Concession stand with the understanding that: 1. The music would cease at 11pm on Friday and Saturday night and 10pm on all other nights. 2. the music would be pointed in the direction of the woods to the west of the concession stand. 3. The music would be at a reasonable level as not to interfere with the other patrons of the Campground. As of last weekend July 09,2022 we received at least three very irate complaints about the level of the sound of the Karaoke music even with it being at the concession stand. From this date forward you will cease and desist any activity involving this Karaoke type music anywhere within the Campground or the Park District, this will include lending of your equipment to others or changing locations of the event. Should you refuse to comply with the above request fines and/or revocation of park privilege may be implemented. Regards, Jeffrey A. Tippett Executive Director". I typed a letter because I wasn't sure I could be here because of my work schedule. I'm going to read that quickly and hit on a few points. This letter is in regard to the recent letter to Mr. Larry Franks and the karaoke, I would first like to say I have read the letter that was delivered by the security guard on 7/15 on can say with 100 accuracy that the allegations in these letters are false in regards to the last 3 weekends he has been diligent at turning off his music at 10:59 or sooner I was present there the last 3 weekends and witnessed this personally. Larry has complied with every request made by the Park and its representatives, but I would also add karaoke is the only form of entertainment available in the park and the participation



varies but it's usually well attended several of us have driven the campground on golf carts and the music can barely be heard anywhere. I agree in the past there was some issues of loud music past the quiet hours but that has not been the case this season, I would ask the board to allow Larry to continue his karaoke as long, as it follows the quiet hours. In closing (inaudible) we must respect each other, but I think it's good for the park, good for the campers and I strongly encourage that you allow this to keep going. Essentially Larry has been asked to change his location to adjust the music and he has done all that. From our perspective from the campers who participate is something that brings us together, I don't know if you can tell but this is a community. We all are from towns, but we come here, this is a camping community, and we support each other through the good times and the bad. We recently had a camper who had a family member pass away and she had to leave, and we all rallied around her and supported her and that's what we are doing with Larry. We aren't here to cause any waves we respectfully ask we figure out a way to allow this to keep going, I know other campgrounds have these kinds of issues they work out those details. It's a good thing we have fun we fellowship. If you would allow Sharon Piper to read some on my account.

iii. Sharon Piper reading Email from Barb Kalk, "To whom it may concern My name is Barb Kalk and my husband Jerry and I camp at B52 we want to send a letter supporting Emily and Larry Franks they have provided karaoke to the campers here at no cost to us, Jerry and I have attended a few times and enjoyed the fellowship and good time, we find it very entertaining and love that they include everyone we have seen every age group singing from very small children to my husband who is 87 years old and they enjoy it so much. I would like to specifically state that we were present July 9<sup>th</sup> and witnessed Larry shutdown the music at 10:55 and vacate the pavilion shortly after, the music was kept at a level that we were able to talk with and visit under the pavilion into the evening. He also organized and spread the word for anyone who wanted to attend a male potluck that evening, I think that these types of activities should be continued and encouraged by the Park Board and not discouraged. Thank you for your consideration in advance, Barb Kalk.

iv. Sharon Piper reading Email from Shannon & Glynette Barrett, "Dear Board Members please read this at the board meeting. The reason for this letter is to support fellow camper Larry Franks we have gotten to know Larry and other campers this year through his karaoke nights, we have thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment he provides on the weekend. Our understanding that even after Larry moved the karaoke to the soccer field there will still be noise and complaints, we can attest to that at the times we have been present at 11pm Larry shut the music completely down, in fact we have asked to him to play one more song and he refused. Unless Larry is being complained upon during non-quiet hours, I don't see anything he is doing wrong, in fact has been more than willing to keep the peace, and with his and other campers' money has rented the pavilion to entertain anyone who wanted to join free of cost in order to not bother his neighboring campers. We wish you to reevaluate the situation or give us some clarity as to why this decision has been made to evict Larry from the Park if he doesn't quit entertaining us at the campground while being compliant with all the rules, does warrant further explanation and discussion. To us this is a slippery slope if the rules change for Larrys



karaoke how will rules not change for us also in some manner. Thank you for your consideration.

v. Sharon Piper Commented we have camped and boated out here for 30 years I remember when we would camp out here on the weekends they would have bands for us, no one does that for us, I'm sure there is money somewhere for entertainment, but you guys don't do anything for us out here maybe a breakfast the camp host. Other than that, there's nothing you guys do for us for us, so we built a family and a community and that's what we are, and we love the karaoke the kids love the karaoke. I think you guys should take all this into consideration.

vi. Steve Blair, I thank you for your time I just want to say basically what Bill and Sharon said we are a family out here and Larrys does an awesome job Larry shuts down when he is supposed to you can't hear the music, I'm going to ask you all to reconsider this and come join us, come out and have fun with us. (In audible) Join this camp see what we do to have fun and join us, Larry shuts it down on time and rents the concession stand to do that. What do you all want for the campers out here, what else is there, there's no activities for kids, activities for adults to go to. So let us have our fun as long as we stay within the guidelines, I'm going to ask you one more time please come out and join us.

vii. Steve Brown I'm on campsite A2 I got a request, I have a permanently mounted tv satellite thing on top of my trailer and I have a tree that sticks to the side of the trailer it needs to be trimmed up about 5 to 6 feet from the top of it we don't get a signal because the top of the tree, I've been on other sites before and had the same problem. If the park doesn't want to trim it then maybe I can have it trimmed, that's my request.

viii. Randy Willis I'm Randy Willis from Evansville, IN my wife and I have been out here since the beginning of April planning to stay through October we really enjoy it out here we've been coming here fishing since the lake opened, I lived in Vigo County prior to moving to Evansville. One of the things I'm here to talk about is in support of Larry and Karaoke, we didn't know a single person when we came out here and through the karaoke and some of the other things that have gone on, we've got know a lot of good people and consider them friends already. I don't Larry really well I haven't known him for a long time, but I can tell you he is a good hearted person, he's just doing this to bring people together and for people to have a good time. As others have said it's not just people drinking and getting loud its people of all age's children, women, men, drinkers, non-drinkers. It's just a good time for everybody. So, I would just like you to consider letting Larry continue the karaoke in the designated area that's been set up for him. I appreciate your time.

ix. Larry Franks One thing I wanted to say was I started this out at my campsite but obviously that was an issue, so I took it upon myself to rent the football field soccer. When I first started looking for a place to rent, I investigated the horse camp because it was the furthest away it wouldn't bother. But then I took into consideration there was a cabin there and I wanted to be respectful to them, that cabin was rented then I asked about the fisherman cabin it was rented too. We said what about the soccer field, it went good for a while they said face it towards the woods, I always shut it down by 10:59 that was something that came about



in the campground, because you never go past 11 o'clock. Only thing I ask is you reconsider everything and let us go on, I'm not one to break rules if you set guidelines, we will follow them. I know these people enjoy it, I shut my Friday nights off people are driving by asking if I'm going to do it. I don't even sing anymore I leave it up to them, I had a potluck for them you know I thought it would be nice something to bring people together.

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

i. Supervisor Haws Commented the OSLAD grant is nearing completion, The last thing we had to do was the foundation for our fishing pier and pier. As of right now we are just waiting for Jerry Wyrick to finish the dock work and that will be complete. Also, Dallas Richardson started doing the overlay at the boat ramp, removed some of the rock and has it set to be sealed, he completed the area at the top of the ramp the roundabout near the launch cabin. He also repaired west side of gatehouse, we have had a few people trip on the asphalt that was there prior, and that's been fixed. The third of July appears to have been a success, I don't know how many cars but more than 200. The excavator is fixed it was a bad fuel injector one of the cells went out of it, it's been repaired. It was back running today, we put the rock boat in the water Monday. We went and put some rock on Jeff Mattis's today, but we had re-adjust the belt. Tree management has been sent out for bid and back to the ramp the parking lot bumpers, and paint will be installed by the end of the month.

ii. Commissioner Wallace asked a couple months ago we had a boat that sank in the lake by the courtesy dock, Edington's came out and removed from the lake? Haws Commented I don't know about a month or so ago we were running around trying to find this lady's boat had sunk and she is stranded on the shore and come to find out she was at Millcreek, New York. Wallace Commented it was right down here at the bottom of the hill Lee Edington and his crew came out and had to refloat the boat, now our policy is every boat that hits this lake is supposed to have recovery insurance, right? Haws the insurance company was working with Edington's the whole time and basically said whatever needed to be done it would be covered that was the impression I got the whole time I was down there with Lee and the owners Father they camp here. Wallace Commented he had heard through the grape vine they did not have recovery insurance, so my concern is how do we check. Haws Commented this came up once before when we had a boat sink at our rental docks that Lee pulled up as well and the insurance company said his insurance would not cover that, I don't know how we should delineate that. Wallace Commented my concern is we might have another boat sink. Haws Commented a sinking boat might be a simple thing right next to the ramp or a more costly thing out in the middle of the lake. Wallace Commented I heard it was a substantial amount and Lees fighting it.

## **8. Payment of Bills – Vote and Discussion**

i. Manager Chatlin Commented the only thing on your summary report the IDNR \$316.31 was paid online it was annual renewal and registration of vessels, so that bill will not be in here for you to review and repay our actual AP total was \$44,670.

i. Wallace motions to approve,

ii. Trefz Commented what's this Kankakee nursery thing did we get more trees?



Chatlin Commented no it was freight for the trees already delivered which unfortunately we can't go back and re-bill for OSLAD. Haws Commented when we spoke with them shipping was supposed to be included in the price. Chatlin Commented Jeff Tippett had me call and verify it was the shipping on those trees. Trefz Inquired about T.G. Stephens? Chatlin Commented that was for a sky lift rental. Haws Commented that was to install the satellite dishes on the boat ramp, when they put in the concrete somebody evidently drove a spike through our new telephone line, we had placed under the concrete so we lost our telephone service to the fuel dock, the Clarksville telephone company set us up with two satellite dishes on both ends so that we have internet service at the marina so we could get up on the poles.

d. Ewing Seconded Wallace's previous Motion. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

## **9. Old Business**

### **a. Discussion and Completion of OSLAD Boat Ramp Grant**

i. Haws Commented the pier and foundation should be done we are just waiting on Wyrick he has to finish setting the gang way and the dock, puts some planks down and that's pretty much it. We have everything pretty much done with Dallas doing the overlay work that buttons up that portion of it, Parking bumpers it will all be done before July 30<sup>th</sup> which is the end of the grant period. Ewing Commented that's all been satisfied there's money for that. Haws Commented yes.

## **10. New Business**

i. Daryl Kibler Public Comment I'm Daryl I'm a Camp host in A15 you all know me, what Larry is doing around here, these are my family here and Larrys always abide by the rules he always shut it down. I think we need to look at keeping this stuff going, how many of you have been down here when Larry's had the karaoke going. He's not hurting one thing you know this is not a retirement park, I'm behind everyone here 100%.

### **a. Discussion and Vote for Exception to Policy Number 1:38 of Employment**

i. Mr. Blankenship removes himself from the Discussion and Vote, Richards takes over until Board President can return.

ii. Richards Commented Policy number 1:38 is a Nepotism Policy to hire Lisa Thomas as a consultant to try to integrate our software system that is CampSpot and Campground Master. We must vote to make an exception to this policy or suspend it, however we want to word it to allow her to be hired as a consultant. I believe she's the one who has done it in the past she uniquely qualified in this manner. Also, the knowledge she has of both systems to be able, with the hard knowledge of how the finances work. Wallace Commented I would also like to mention our director reached out to our legal counsel he got an interpretation of the policy; we are being guided by what our legal counsel is saying. Ewing Asked what our legal counsel said? Wallace Commented our legal counsel said Randy Blankenship could not be a part of this vote, because they have a post relationship.

iii. Chatlin Commented I can tell you I work and talk to Lisa multiple times daily, she has put in tremendous hours I'd say over 200 + hours, when I have issues I can't work through, we are on the phone to put our heads together to figure out a solution. Richards





Asked if so, far that's all been on a voluntary basis. Chatlin Commented yes it has been all voluntary based so far.

iv. Wallace Motions to allow an exemption of the 1:38 of Employment Ewing asked if this vote is to forego our nepotism policy? Wallace Commented yes. Ewing Commented we have had on the books that's been an issue over the years for different people the park has employed from attorneys to staff in every case we have said no we can't we have a nepotism policy now that the park needs something we are going to forego the nepotism policy, when before when we needed help staff and attorneys. I've read through the letter she sent us, I'm not one hundred percent satisfied are we going to work on this for 3 or 4 years we don't even have an answer of how this is going to work just because we have been working on it diligently for 200 hours. We don't even know what we want, we don't know how to get to where we need to get to. Shouldn't we figure out where we want to get to and then figure out who we need to contact, to make this happen. According to this letter, its I don't know we will have to see about it in the next year, we will have to see the fiscal year and see where the numbers end up. We will have to manually manipulate this and that, that's what we've been doing with QuickBooks and Campground Master and now CampSpot, do we need to keep chasing this or do we need to sit down and figure out what we have and what we need, to work.

v. Williamson Commented I have personally dealt with this several years back I had a child that wanted to go to work here, before the meeting started, I was approached and told by two board members to pull his application because I was an employee here. I know we have others it's been the other way and as far as Lisa and her work and her volunteerism I got no problem with that. I'm sitting here looking at this closer to me we don't do away with the policy, but do we exempt her from up to a specific date?

vi. Wallace Commented we really don't know how long this is going to take, we could bring somebody else in, but it's likely going to cost the park tens of thousands. We have a CampSpot Reservation system the accounting side of it is not working. We have found out that the person doing the books previously were just covering up stuff, they were taking sales tax into donations. This isn't about trying to give favoritism or a job to anyone this about getting us out of a bad hole.

vii. Williamson Commented when you look, I know Lisa has the background in QuickBooks don't get me wrong, but if anything goes bad with this how much teeth do we have in it as far as liability goes? Also, I know it's a lot for her to take on, I worry about what's best for her and I know she is willing. Sweet Commented I believe we need to get Mr. Tippetts input so I think we should table it; I want to hear what he has to say. I would like to table it until he can be here and speak on it like we all have. That's just my suggestion. Williamson Concurred and Commented and If we need to call a special meeting we will, so we can also keep things moving.

viii. Sweet Motions to table discussion and vote for exception to policy Number 1-38 of employment, Ewing Second. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**b. Discussion and Vote to Hire as a Consultant Lisa Thomas**



- i. Ewing Motions to Table that discussion, Trefz Second.
- ii. Wallace Asked for Comment. The agreement we were going to vote on tonight, was to give Lisa \$500. Ewing Commented he does not see \$500 anywhere.
- iii. Wallace and Haws both state that's what they were told by the Executive Director Jeff Tippett.
- iv. Wallace Commented she (Lisa) entered into an agreement for \$500 and she has already put 200 hours.
- vi. Ewing commented she volunteered Jeff she came out here and volunteered, just because you volunteer doesn't mean you'll become a consultant and be paid.
- vii. Wallace Commented what I'm telling you right now is we cannot give anybody good financials and at this point if I were Lisa, I would say piss on it I volunteered for many hours. We realized Lisa was the only one who could dig us out of this hole, so now we will end up having to go to a consultant and it's going to cost us out the butt.
- viii. Sweet Commented not necessarily Jeff, if we get Tippett's input on it. He is the fellow who is supposed to be running this and I think he is. I'm not asking to even old this back a month it was just like Williamson said if we need a special meeting. I think it would warrant one and figure a day we can all get here. I'm not asking to just pitch it.
- viii. Wallace Commented my concern is what is Tippett going to tell us, that I offered her a contract of \$500 to do the work, he's also going to give us the Email we have already seen from our Attorney so what else are we looking for.
- ix. I don't know what Tippett will tell us, I stopped assuming a long time ago stop trying to dictate what I thought people were going to say. I just think it would be prudent if he were here to speak.
- x. Trefz Commented my concern is the previous agreement prior to the letter we just received the contract for \$500.
- xi. Richards Continues with the vote to table. 6 ayes, 0 nays.
- xii. Board President Randy Blankenship returns.

**c. Discussion of CampSpot and Campground Master Software**

i. Chatlin Commented Lisa has typed up this letter as she has gone through the issue was, they made their reservation in 2021 for 2022 all that information was put into Campground master so if they paid their deposit was put in whatever site for next year, what they did in stead of making it like cash or a check or credit card payment, they just did them all as transfers. So that money was just kind of floating in CampSpot it didn't have a home to go to if that makes sense. If you know if its cash or check it would get applied correctly in QuickBooks. Lisa and I have been spending a lot of time going through and deleting that and re-entering that in, with a notation for what it was. There has been a lot of mistakes, it's not been applied right. When it gets transferred over in QuickBooks its not showing it right, whether its and advanced reservation, deposit, whatever it needs to be its not showing that. Amanda Gaffney is our CampSpot Representative I'm Emailing with her almost daily. They have tons of tutorials and





webinars, but its still not showing correctly. I Email Amanda Daily with Questions, she is very good at getting back to us. Like I said Lisa, I and Amanda have gone several rounds. I don't know if they fully understood the scope of what we needed when we set it up, but no program ever will, until you start using it. It's a blank program then customized to your needs, whether our needs were communicated correctly I don't know I wasn't here for that. As we are working through and finding all the issues, its just finding the correct solutions for that issue. So being in contact with CampSpot support going back and forth to figure out those details and fine tune them.

**ii.** Blankenship Asked is it going to work?

**iii.** Chatlin Commented I believe it must work, QuickBooks is used in 99% of businesses. Its very user friendly, CampSpot has been around since 2015 its not a new program. If it's not compatible with QuickBooks I think they would have gone under by now. I mean this program is used all over the country, there is surely something they can do to correct it. Emailing is hard because you can't see everything, I don't know if sending out a representative would help. No matter which system we use there is back log on each. Our expenses are correct, its just our income side that's not accurate. I have two months' worth of daily's that have not been entered into QuickBooks. If we go back to Campground Master that means all this information has to be put into Campground Master which is a lot more hours, I will have to get someone in here to enter all this data entry, and then I have to go back in and reconcile the numbers. If we continue with CampSpot it's the same thing we got two months of information we must get put into QuickBooks accurately and timely. Theres no easy solution to the problem, its just we must decide what we think will go the best.

**iv.** Wallace Asked is CampSpot saying anything at this point that they cannot fix.

**v.** Chatlin Commented the only thing she has definitively told me no to at this point was being able to post date to go back and change the date and time of transactions. Some people were put in as their reservations started on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, their reservation should have started on April 1<sup>st</sup>. there is no way to go in and manipulate that even on their side, as soon you put that transaction in its dated and time stamped right then.

**vi.** Wallace Asked can thy resolve the issue with the sales tax?

**vii.** I sent her that information and I'm waiting to here back from her, I would think it would be an easy issue to fix. It's the third number and they are rounding down verse round up on that one.

**viii.** Richards Asked my question is at what point do we admit this was a mistake and back out reassess and potentially try a new system for next year?

**ix.** Lisa Thomas Commented you're going to have complications with any system.

**x.** Richards Commented I can't imagine they are all this hard to integrate, there is no way a business could operate like that.

**xi.** Wallace Commented well you guys have dealt with them I haven't, we're a little unique I'd say, more so than other campgrounds. There are things we found in here that



are a part of that whole software package, there's been a lot of changes they have made for us. My concern is the things they are not going to be able to change or fix.

**xii.** Richards Commented you mentioned you found a problem with the way they calculate their sales tax they round down not up that doesn't inspire a lot of confidence in me that the rest of the stuff works well. I don't want to throw more money on this I want to admit maybe this was the wrong decision from the outset, and we try something different we go back to campground master for the rest of this year if we must, it's going to suck either way. We are going to have to decide and do something because this isn't going to work.

**xiii.** Chatlin Commented we have been making mock entries into Campground Master. So and so is supposed to go to A24, well they just threw them into whatever open camp spot. To make the numbers come out right so no matter what we do there is a lot we have to correct to get to the point where I can.

**xiv.** Richards Commented I don't think this new system is the one we need to correct it in to. It's had to many problems from the outset we need to find one more ready to integrate so that we can do this over wintertime in the off season and get it up and going. I just don't know if we have the time or the talent in house to get this one going.

**xv.** Chatlin Commented time is one of the biggest issues I only have 8 hours in a day.

**xvi.** Richards Commented you don't need to be trouble shooting their software and telling them where its wrong and how it needs to be fixed. We need to get a software that already works and potentially does have a consultant who would come here and serve us not us serve them. We are paying them, so in my opinion we need to wash our hands of this. We need to go back to the old system for the remainder of the season and start fresh next year.

**xvii.** Chatlin Commented I will say most of these programs are generic programs, they are trying to service as many campgrounds or lawn care businesses as they can. In reality most cannot offer everything we need.

**xviii.** Ewing Commented we have spoken to other campgrounds the problem is our QuickBooks doesn't integrate or talk to it, I don't know that's for another discussion.

**xix.** Lisa Thomas Commented you can't even pull a report, or it will give you a journal entry, it's basically bad data in bad data out.

**xx.** Richards Commented I read your letter and it doesn't sound like this is salvageable.

**xxi.** Lisa Thomas Commented it is, but I don't know If its worth it.

**xxii.** Richards Commented that's exactly why I asked how much good money do we throw it out.

**xxiii.** Lisa Thomas Commented I think you will have to for your accounting, but not necessarily for your reservations. But that's up to you all.

**xxiv.** Chatlin Commented I will say we have seen a large increase in online reservations and they a paying in full they are not paying deposits. That's some \$700-\$800 reservations coming in online paid in full. That's great. If we keep it and only do online reservations with it, regardless I only have one person in my gatehouse who knows how to use



Campground Master, so there will be additional training. Also, we are slowing down so maybe it would be a good time to do that training. Its like no matter what we decided we are still stuck between a rock and a hard place.

**xxv.** Lisa Thomas Commented we can't run them both at the same time because they are synced.

**xxvi.** Richards Commented I agree and last thing I want to do is shut down online reservations we should have been online 5 years ago, but if its not working we can't continue to hide the problem or it's going to get us in a real bind with taxes or something else. It's not going to be worth it. So, if it has to be shutdown even if we lose some revenue off that so be it, we need to start fresh is my opinion.

**xxvii.** Wallace commented this has me very concerned, especially with the fact of not getting through this tonight, I'm probably going to let somebody take over my treasurer's job tonight because this is scary for me. We all sat here and were sold on an initial program, but then we said wow glad we didn't get this one because we found one that's even better and that was CampSpot. So, we went to CampSpot, Chatlin and Nikki can back me up if they want to. But we have stuff that has not been done correctly in CampSpot if there was a problem let just move it over here. It was stuff Board members were not made aware of it was just schlepped off, and now we are in the thick of it and I just want to get us out of it. I think the determination of the board which system we use that conversation I think should have Jeff Tippett because he was also the main one pushing for online reservation system. Now I know for Chatlin and the others using the system it was very robust and user friendly. Also, I'm talking about it verses Campground Master. So, you're losing some things here with CampSpot but Campground Master kind of works for us. Wallace Asked Lisa what her thoughts were about Campground Master?

**xxviii.** Lisa Thomas Commented we mastered it. I mean we found settings that actually made it easier for data entry to post date charges to the first day of the stay. As long as that number is entered as a deposit it doesn't get screwed up.

**xxix.** I think the reports in Campground Master are easier to access and read than in CampSpot, were sometimes you have to pull 2 reports, excel spread sheets of 5,000 lines you have to sift through to find out what you are needing.

**xxx.** Wallace Commented Lisa did we ever find out if we could archive a file.

**xxxi.** Lisa Commented I know you can, we basically did it every day any ways. The raw data can be downloaded at any time you can copy the entire database it will fit in excel.

**xxxii.** Wallace Commented so on this document she gave to us the second page in the middle it talks about the size of the transaction reports when you got Campground master for basically 18 years 500k lines in spread sheet, in CampSpot till now its already over a million lines.



**xxxiii.** Chatlin Commented when I was trained that's what I was told you'll work on it in the off season, well come off season you've already dug a hole so deep with this program you can't fix it.

**xxxiv.** Williamson Commented it isn't off season.

**xxxv.** Sweet Commented let's get a recommendation from Mr. Tippet, since he is the guy who runs it, and sounds even more like it warrants a special meeting to take care of some very damning details. To me that seems like the best approach.

**d. Discussion and Vote Feasibility Study Silt Pond rear of Clarksville Cove.**

**i.** Richards Commented we discussed this at the Lake Management Meeting J.D. Wyman is in the back of Clarksville Cove there are several people back there who have docks that are unusable or close to unusable because of silting and wanted to know if we would want to help pay for that and the consensus of the Board is we aren't going to put any money in there unless we can put something up that's going to prevent this from continually occurring. We have talked about it and talked about it, about putting a silt pond in there. I don't really know what that would entail what scope that project would be, and we wanted to see if the Board would approve having an Engineer look at the site and see what all that would entail. All the Silt ponds are going to differ depending on the topography. I don't know if it's a \$50k project or a \$500k project but if we don't know its hard to make a decision. If its something we would like to do in the future, it could help us.

**ii.** Wallace Asked Chris Miller do you know what that would cost us to build a silt pond roughly?

**iii.** Chris Miller we had engineers come assess the property, then we hired Red Robinson to come back in and laid it out and shot the elevation, I'll turn it over to John because we had independent contractors, we had to make sure the dam wasn't higher than the road. If I had to guess, I'd say we had to take out about 60 – 80 trees and they weren't junk trees we had to take down good trees in the name of erosion control. But it wasn't very long after that dam was complete, we had a 4"- 5" rain where you could walk across, and kick dust was about 8'-10' of water on the other side was a small little trickle before that it was like the Mississippi River busted the levy when we would get a 5" rain. So, the question of do these work, 100% as far as the amount of fuel, time, labor, equipment to do that project. The silt pond is about 80' wide and about 14' from elevation. We had dirt there that we could reclaim to build the dam if you don't, and you have to start bringing in loads from Quality Lime.

**iv.** John Boyer Commented to do another silt pond like the one for Hills & Dales would be \$80k - \$100k.

**v.** Wallace Commented as far a Feasibility Study I would say we should consult Jeff, but we also have NRCS money that's supposed to help us with these types of issues.

**vi.** Richards Asked when?

**vii.** Wallace Stated he did not know.

**viii.** Haws Commented that's one thing that was brought up erosion mitigation, and silt ponds. They have pinpointed many places around the lake most of them on the north end of the lake where we have had issue. The bad part about that is that it's so flat, from the



water all the way to the bridge on Clarksville Rd., so you can't really big a great big dam or you'll have the bridge under water. However, that's what a lot of the money was for and bordering property to the north side of the lake where we could partner with landowners to do stuff not necessarily from the bridge to the lake.

iv. Wallace Commented so what I'm getting at is let's talk to NRCS and see how much that would be and how far out.

v. Richards Commented from my understanding it would be 2-3 years out.

vi. Ewing Commented we talked about this at lake management, if we are going to start something like this, we to tell Jeff Tippett or somebody to start the paperwork, start the process so we can determine dollar amounts budgetary needs. If it's a \$6 million project that's a game changer if it's a \$100k we might be able to partner and work. We need a motion or vote or something here to get this ball rolling forward. A feasibility study would not be bad to have in our pocket, I don't know what that study would cost us.

vii. Chris Miller asked John Boyer if he recalled what Greg Robinson Charged to come do there's.

viii. John Boyer Commented I want to say I think it was around \$2,100.00 it wasn't much.

ix. Haws Commented we got an Email from JD where he had talked top Greg Robinson, not very long ago. He may already have some stuff already figured regarding that project.

x. Richards Commented I don't know if you can build a silt pond there, we don't know.

xi. Ewing Motions to approve the Director to get Quotes Feasibility Study for a Silt Pond in the rear of Clarksville Cove. Williamson Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**e. Discussion and Vote Additional Paving within the Park**

i. Haws Commented I think this in reference to the boat ramp that's already done.

ii. Richards Commented we talked about this Lake Management a little bit. The deal was we have about \$45k in paving and lighting, we have about \$10k spent to finish the rest of this boat ramp. That will leave us a balance of about \$35k, I'll leave it up to those guys to figure out where they felt the biggest need was. I think we are going to go ahead and vote to spend the rest of it, where they feel like it needs to be spent in the park. I think B section was brought up quite a bit.

iii. Haws Commented if something happens to the campground we might want to wait until we are done hauling truck loads of rock across it.

iv. Richards Commented between the main road in and the boat launch it may make more sense if they already have their equipment there. We might need to talk to our engineer and see where we can get the most bang for our buck with that money.

v. Blankenship Motioned to spend the remainder of the road fund on black top in the park where they see fit. Richards Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.



**f. Discussion and Vote to Halt all Park District Lake Dock Construction, Clearing, and Access Permits to a Date TBD.**

i. Wallace Motions to table this until Jeff Tippett returns. Sweet Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**g. Discussion Regarding Motorized Vehicles on Park District Property by Adjoining Property Owners**

i. Wallace Motions to Table this until Tippett is back.

ii. Ewing Asked where did this item on the agenda come from who wanted it on there?

iii. Wallace Commented I did, I was concerned and wanted to make sure we were collecting revenue. Like on your dock lease, there is a thing on there that says they collect money for golf carts and stuff.

iv. Richards Commented currently I have a Polaris and a golf cart I take back and forth to my dock, I have a golf cart sticker on it. I'm assuming the majority of people do that, I don't know how well known that is. Also, I hate to have that previous item on the agenda and then we just table it, without any discussion or anything else. I think its unfair to all the people who came to talk about that.

v. Wallace Commented my issue is not so much with these individuals, its more about the way we are enforcing the policy. With Mr. Millers property I didn't know anything, like this is both with Mr. Huisinga and Mr. Millers property I didn't know anything about what was going on. But I'm getting calls from either Park Staff or other Board members saying you got to go look at this, so I go investigate it and then when I go out there Deke was out there when I went out there the first time. We got clearing that's way outside the scope of the boundary of the property.

vi. Richards Asked according to whom?

vii. Wallace Commented according to our Lake Dock Land Construction Clearing and Access Permit.

viii. Richards Commented each one of those sites is going to have to learn differently and individually. That's why we have a Director and Deke to say yes or no to all this stuff. The problem is as a Board we are putting Deke and Jeff in an unwinnable position. Because they are going to take a bunch of crap from the Landowner or from us, they are damned if they do, damned if they don't. As a board we shouldn't be doing that we should stay out of there day to day stuff and let them do their job. Let them do their job. If the people that are building these things are getting permission from our staff. What's the issue?

ix. Wallace Commented Deke was out there when I was out there, there was tree's cut outside the scope. There was one tree that was this big.

x. Chris Miller Commented Deke that's the one you commented about. You said look at that thing.

xi. Haws Commented oh yeah when it was windy.

xii. Chris Miller Commented you said let's move before one of us gets killed.





**xiii.** Haws Commented I went back and looked at the pictures and there were 3 trees, aside from the one on the top of the null that Jeff said don't cut. There were 3 maple trees that we did not okay to cut but we were aware they may get damaged when cutting the dead trees. They were and come to find out these trees were also hollow on the inside. They weren't okay to cut but they would have been if we had known the condition, they were in. But I looked at my pictures and I took a picture from the same point of view I took of the one that was cut, those 3 trees that make it look like a big void they were all together all the trees around them were approved. It's the ones down in the ravine that got filled in with clay and rock. Other than that, everything else was marked when I looked at my pictures.

**xiv.** Chris Miller Commented and to be fair this is why Jeff; Travis Phillips has all the photos. Travis is on me all the time because I don't hire him all that often, I do most of my own cutting. I could have done but I decided not to, Phillips tree service cuts all the trees on park property to my knowledge, so clearly there is a trust with Phillips Tree Service. So, we met Travis, Deke, Jeff, and I met to look at the site, before anything even started, I told Travis I wanted him to reach back out to them.

**xv.** Haws Commented and he did.

**xvi.** Wallace Commented and I'm not faulting you guys, I have a problem with the way our policy is being enforced by the Director. Like we have one area that says we are supposed to have rock 6' wide we got rock out there that's 8' – 10' wide.

**xvii.** Richards Commented I've seen pictures where his path is 6' wide.

**xviii.** Wallace Commented not his. His is excellent.

**xix.** Richards Asked you said you have concerns about how these policies, how do you address those concerns. Because I've heard stories about how you address those concerns on that job site.

**xx.** Wallace Commented I try to get answers for it, I try to get with other Board members and say what do you think about this. What I'm getting at like with Husinga's, Deke and Jeff told me about that.

**xxi.** Richards Asked if it was our place to act as investigators or do we leave that to them?

**xxii.** Wallace Commented I don't know I'm responsible for the Park.

**xxiii.** Richards Asked how did you get there?

**xxiv.** Wallace Commented I was voted in.

**xxv.** Richards Commented no you weren't not by the Voters; you were voted in by us.

**xxvi.** Sweet Commented Tabling this doesn't do anything to stop the progress, it doesn't negate the existing policy anyways. It gives Tippet an opportunity to be here to voice his opinion, to list the pros and cons. it doesn't for them to retard their business, what we need to do is take a step back and take a deep breath. We will figure this out, but Tippet needs to be here.

**xxvii.** Richards Commented I have concerns about a board member going on private property and behaving in inappropriate ways. I want to air that now.



**xxviii.** Wallace asked Haws if he has a problem with him.

**xxix.** Haws Commented no not personally.

**xxx.** Ewing Commented I think what he is talking about is the way you handled yourself, when you went down to witness this rock, that is well within compliance of Deke and Jeff and everybody involved, and you didn't know that. You went down there and blew off the handle thinking, that they were just down there doing what they want to.

**xxxi.** Wallace Commented I did not think that I wanted to know who authorized this, is what I said. I just went down because I had got a call about it. So, we have already had the one situation with Huisinga right?

**xxxii.** Ewing Commented that's a whole different situation, they had permission. Huisinga's, we had no idea they just showed up and started cutting, without entertaining the Board or Jeff Tippett. Chris Miller did everything he was supposed to, and you go down and harass him.

**xxxiii.** Chris Miller to be fair I was not on site I was out working so I could pay Travis Phillips what he charges. I got a call from John that evening and he said you're in trouble. I said what did I do now. He said he ran in to Deke and he said Jeff Wallace was over on your property and he is pretty upset. I asked about what, he said I don't know you better follow up on it. I felt like John was accusing me, I said listen here John Tippetts lost probably 15lbs walking up and down to the path. He has even seemed irritated I've called him so much with the constant communication. I called Deke I said I heard there was a situation today, that's correct he seemed pretty upset. I asked if Phillips Tree Service deviated from the plan at all? Deke said No. I asked what was said, F bombs were being aimed at the site itself and the construction work that was being done. I asked Deke again if everything on the site that was done was approved. He replied it was. We were asked to leave the two maples Travis was instructed if they can be avoided then avoid them. If they can't, we understand. One of those 2 maples was so dead when the dead tree hit it, it exploded it was completely hollow in the middle. I use Travis because I trust him, and the Park obviously trusts him that's why they use him.

**xxxiv.** Wallace Commented the only reason I went down there because there was a tree down there, he didn't think should come down. Supposedly Joey went down there and looked at it and said it should come down. The young man that was down there told me they ran a bar underneath it.

**xxxv.** Chris Miller Commented let's go back to the beginning where this started, 2 months ago Tippett, Deke and I were standing on the point we all had our hand on that very tree. I asked Jeff I said can I have permission to take this tree out off this knob. Not going to happen. We said how about bringing an excavator down here and build a ledge here to stop the erosion, Deke and I walked down into the ravine which was straight up and down at the time because of all the erosion. The problem is fixing that compromises the very tree Jeff doesn't want to take down. That's only solution and its going to be unbelievably expensive, the only way was to bring clay in and even at the point we had built the ravine up, Tippett was there Deke was there multiple times. Elan asked how me how much we want to riprap from side to



side, I said if we span this whole thing they will freak out and ill be in prison. So, we kept inside the specifications. I feel like Jeff Wallace, I did everything as well as possible and I'm still in here defending myself. The path is already straw matted and seeded as of tonight. There is even another point here that you guys allowed to be cleared out even wider than mine, that's been a dirt knob for 2 months water washing dirt right in the lake. Why is that one not on the agenda.

**xxxvi.** Wallace Commented nobody Has told me about it. I'm not saying you did anything wrong; I've seen the site since you put the gravel walkway down. I've got no issues.

**xxxvii.** Chris Miller Commented well it was approved and all good and I'm not going to mention any names because I like the individuals, this construction project and I credit these 2, under 7 days from start to finish riprapped, rocked, and seeded/grassed. I should have brought the emails of people telling how beautiful it looks since we riprapped that shore. You're right this silt pond is going to cost you guys a ton of money. I just saved you \$30k on riprap you now don't have to spend

**xxxviii.** Wallace Commented once again to anybody that was involved in the scope of that project, I didn't have an issue with that I had an issue with the enforcement of the policy. It appeared to me; I got no other board members here speaking up. They all told me it looked beyond the scope.

**xxxix.** Ewing Commented I have seen it multiple times and it was fine I've contacted Jeff and Deke and I asked them, is this within what you guys said. The only question I have is about the tree at the bottom. I thought it was somebody cutting a tree down because they want a better view of the lake, the tree is hollow at the bottom. Jeff Tippett Disagrees I brought it to the Board that's all I can do. I can't go out there and cut the tree or make them do it. I brought it up, at the end of the day its up to the Director.

**xxxix.** Chris Miller Commented when Joe Ewing and John Richards asked me about the tree, Travis said it's a cold tree. I said its Jeff Tippetts decision to make that's why you guys hired him. If Tippett says he wants the tree to stay it stays. we worked around it. Personally, as the guy who owns the property on top, I don't really want to take it down now even if you guys ask me to, I kind of like it, it's a beautiful tree. But again, first thing Tippett said that day was Chris, I'm not letting you take this tree down. You say you have no issue but there is a discussion and vote to halt all dock construction and clearing and access permits.

**xxxixi.** Haws Commented I think what he is saying Chris is the issue is not with you it's with us. What I want to say to these guys is why hasn't this been fixed. Why hasn't these others been addressed. I feel like this is an issue between myself and Jeff Tippett.

**xxxixii.** Richards Asked did you know Tippett would be absent for this meeting?

**xxxixiii.** Wallace Commented yes.

**xxxixiv.** Richards Asked then why did you put this on the agenda?

**xxxixv.** Wallace Commented because I wanted it to get talked about, since we can't make decisions on certain things since Jeff Tippett is not here then we shouldn't be deciding on most this stuff without him here.

**xxxixvi.** Blankenship Commented well I went out there and I talked to Chris, and I didn't understand why so much of it was leveled off and pretty. Chris explained the holler was



washed out bad, he filled it in and rocked it. I walked on his path its like concrete. I didn't measure it, but it looked pretty close to 6'.

xxxxvii. Chris Miller Commented Randy you are right it looked bad. It looked like we cut Millcreek's dirt, we didn't we hauled in clay. We brought the valley up. All we did was add the clay back that's in the valley down there.

xxxxviii. Sweet Commented I looked at it also and I like what John Richards said earlier, I think we as board members need to stay away from it. Let Tippett and Deke do their jobs.

xxxxix. Wallace Commented I asked about the dirt too, I asked what the dirt was for, and Deke said maybe they are going to try and level up the lot.

xxxxx. Haws Commented all that dirt you texted me about was already gone.

xxxxxi. Wallace Commented I called and asked if you guys were doing some dredging and moving dirt, if so ill take some if you want rid of it. Elan said he did a job in Edgar County its good hard dirt, we can use that to fill the ravine. We mitigated Millcreek's erosion.

xxxixii. Wallace Asked so John when you were talking about me walking across private property, Joey did you walk across private property?

xxxixiii. Ewing Commented I went with Mr. Phillips out there with permission.

xxxixiv. Wallace Commented I was told there was an issue, so it sounds like this is a personal issue. That I need to stay off private property.

xxxixv. Richards Commented its not a personal attack on you I just think board members have the authority to cross other people's private property.

xxxixvi. Wallace Asked Joey where you contacted by the property owner?

xxxixvii. Ewing Commented like I said I was contacted by the contractor doing the work.

#### **h. Discussion and Vote to investigate fines by legal counsel for illegally cleared park district trees and fauna.**

i. Wallace Commented I'm going to table this too and I'll tell you why, Mr. Huisinga I still don't know where we are at.

ii. Richards if you would come to the Committee meetings you would know. We discussed this at the Lake Management Meeting.

iii. Wallace Commented I'm not even on that Committee I suppose ill hear it later. But my concern is people are getting stuff done and then we go and fine them. There has been discussion of finning, but nobody even knows what to fine them.

iv. Sweet Seconds Wallace's Motion to table. 7ayes, 0 nays.

#### **11. Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 C-1, C-3, C-11, C21-**

i. Ewing Motions to Table Executive Session, Trefz Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

#### **12. Discussion and Vote Executive Session**

i. Ewing Motions to Table, Blankenship Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

#### **13. Committee Reports -**

a. **Campers** – Did not meet



i. Ewing Commented we will revisit the Campers issues tonight at the Campers Committee Meeting.

**b. Lake Management\_–**

i. Richards Commented we discussed the erosion problem, bathroom damage at the dam. We discussed Husinga dock path. Mr. Tippett met with Mr. Husinga they have come up with a plan for restitution of the trees, that were taken out. They plan to execute that this fall. His dock lease next year will be pending that restitution. We also discussed the CampSpot reservation system.

c. **Finance** – Did not meet.

d. **Policy** – Did not meet.

e. **Trails** – Did not meet.

**14. Adjourn –**

i. Ewing Motioned to adjourn, Wallace Second. 7 ayes, 0 nays.