



**Clark County Park District  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
March 17, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - a. Commissioner Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
  - a. Commissioners in attendance were Joey Ewing, Jeff Wallace, Randy Blankenship, Jana Williamson, Roy Sweet, Jeff Trefz, and John Richards.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Ewing motioned to approve the agenda. Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 2/17/22
  - b. Sweet motioned to approve the Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes dated 2/17/22. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 6. Public Comment**
  - a. Tony Dawson commented that he had a couple of questions for them. They have been camping out here for a couple of years now and when they moved into B74 last year, they were looking for an annual spot and they ended up getting an annual spot, but they are paying the full monthly rate on that. They usually pay it up front, the whole thing and he is curious if they can get it moved to where they can pay the annual fee instead of the monthly fee on that. Since everything is going up and they are guaranteed to be there all year, the spot is not going to be empty. Tippett responded that they are actually phasing out the seasonal, as they leave it will be turned into a monthly seasonal for all seasonal sites, so probably not. Dawson commented that his next question is that the site that they are on is a very small site. He was at the meeting last year and asked if he could put some gravel on it and you said no, I couldn't put gravel on it, but you said that you would look into putting gravel on it and making it a little bit bigger, it is a very small site. I have a 30-foot camper and it is barely fitting on there with his tent and all, especially now that we have to park on the rock now. He is wondering if they can bring that site over 6-8 feet into the grass and that would give him more room to park. Tippett responded that the Board voted to not make any site any bigger and specifically instructed him. They have been working the past week, squaring stuff off. Dawson commented that if they are squaring stuff off, that would help. Tippett asked which site to which Dawson responded B74. They don't have that much stuff, they just have some small steps going into the camper and a tent that they keep their grill and a picnic



table in to which Tippet responded that he would go look at it tomorrow. Dawson commented that it is no on the annual rate and you will go out and look at my site to which Tippet responded yep.

- b. Sharon Piper commented that Tippet stated that they are phasing seasonals out to which Tippet responded that seasonals are going to be phased out, they will become monthly seasonals. As a seasonal camper leaves and doesn't renew their site, that site will become monthly seasonal. We aren't losing anything, but it has happened twice where a seasonal camper leaves mid-year, and we cannot use that site. So as a monthly we aren't out that site and you aren't out the money. Piper responded gotcha, so you aren't phasing out seasonal spots. Dawson commented so it does him no good to pay it all up front so he might as well just pay it monthly to which Tippet responded yes.

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

- a. Tippet commented so as you saw, we bought a new dump truck out there, it is 2003 7900 International. It will hold 7 tons or 8 tons, they aren't looking to put that much into it. They have been using it to haul 300 tons of stone down into the campground and a bunch of fill and all that. It seems to be working out good. It has an automatic Allison and a DT 466, the tires are good. It seems to be a nice little truck. It runs well, he drove it for 2 days. It did a fine job. The new streetlamps are up at the boat ramp, they are all LED, it is really bright. It is so bright that now we can see the dark spots that need to be illuminated on the rest of the boat ramp as they work on it. We are in the middle of repairing the dump station. It was all messed up. They pulled all of the pipes out of it, opened up all of the pipes, put them back in, and then had to take them all back out again. They put a drain in it and had to lower it even more to keep any small campers, the least amount that they could find was a foot off of the ground so it will be 3 ½ to 4 inches off the ground so there will always be a downflow. The one thing that they are not sure about is the little blue containers that they dump, we might have to put a separate concrete pad that they have to go up to get into the holes. Sidewalks and a wash station and an ADA accessible patio to go into the bathrooms has been installed at the OHV. The transmission for the Dodge pick up is sitting right out there. They are still working on the A section campsite. They were going to put the extra piece of sewer in, but they couldn't get the weather to do it, so they will do that in the fall. They will put in another length of pipe in there, another 78', but right now they are just working on it trying to get all the dirt together. The underground tank in the back came up, as he told them last month, that it had more contamination, so they had to dig it all up and fill it all back in. He signed off on it and sent it back to the EPA and they should be getting a clean bill pretty soon, he hopes.

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



- a. Brown commented that the total amount of A/P is \$64,529.57. You will note that there was a number written below it, \$47,110.86. Up above, Feutz Contractors, that was already approved at the last Board meeting, so that check has been paid. It also takes in the credit down below for Menards South, of \$5.29. The total amount of A/P or the amount that the Board will be approving to pay in bills is \$47,110.86.
- b. Ewing motioned to pay the bills. Williamson second.
- c. Ewing asked for further discussion. What is Midllinois Concrete, where is that at to which Tippet responded that is the one right across from the doctor's office in Martinsville. Ewing commented, okay, he didn't realize that is what it is called now. What is Kankakee Nursery, is that the trees to which Tippet responded that is the OHV trees. Ewing commented okay, so that \$16,380 is OHV money that we will get reimbursed to which Tippet responded yes and we will be starting on the last quarter at the end of this month. Ewing asked if we are getting them or if they will deliver them to which Tippet responded that they will deliver them, it is a whole semi load. They notified him today that they are ready, and he just has to give them the go and they will deliver them after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Wallace asked if they have to dig all of the holes for this to which Tippet responded what they will probably do is mound, dig a berm, where the scat track is and everything, and then they are going to start winding them around. Ewing asked if those are to be mulched in or anything, once you put them in are we going to put mulch on them? Tippet responded that we don't have to, we can just dirt over the tops, but the balls can't be more than a couple of inches below or they won't get saturation. The mulch would help hold the moisture in for the tree. Ewing commented that if they could get grindings from the city, if they have extras there, that might be something to think about. We have our big truck now, we can use that to top with and it will help keep the weeks back for now.
- d. Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **9. New Business**

- a. Discussion and Vote Bed Debt/Write Offs
  - i. Brown commented on the next page you will see the total amount of collections. We have not been able to gain communication with this individual. We have been trying to contact this individual since October. The total amount is \$65.60. Again, if we write this off this person will remain red flagged, they will not be able to reserve anything within the park until this debt is paid.
  - ii. Blankenship commented so it is collectible if they come back, we are not really writing it off, we are just taking it off the books to which Brown responded yes.



- iii. Ewing motioned to take the \$65.60 off of the books. Blankenship second. Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Ewing aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and Vote Appropriation and Budget 2022-23
  - i. Brown commented that the budget that they are viewing right now, there have been some changes since the very first Finance meeting, which they discussed in the prior Board meeting. These changes are highlighted. On page 3, we did increase Propane-Resale by \$1,000. On page 4, Fuel Expense for Park Use – Diesel was increased by \$1,500, Gasoline by \$1,000, and Off-Road Diesel by \$1,000. Continuing on to Page 5, Salaries. We did increase Maintenance and Housekeeping to include a couple of weeks so that we can bring in two employees overall in April. Since this most recent Finance Meeting, there was discussion about rounding the hourly salary wage up by \$.06, and that would be for Maintenance, the Administrative Assistant, and Security. That would total an additional \$743.07. You will also notice Maintenance-OSLAD, that was originally zeroed out in the original budget that they reviewed at the last Board meeting. That was due to the fact that we weren't sure if we were going to be able to get some of that labor put in prior to this upcoming budget, but we are not, so we went ahead and put in the remaining \$15,698.05 in the budget, giving us a new net income of \$88,915.36. This decrease by almost \$25,000 since the last budget was discussed.
  - ii. Richards commented and a big portion of that is an increase to your costs to which Brown responded that a big portion of that is due to the OSLAD Labor. The OSLAD labor is almost \$16,000 of that. The reason that the propane and the fuel were increased is that they were prewarned by Bolin of the increases coming this year.
  - iii. Blankenship commented and you got another diesel truck to which Tippett responded yeah, we increased that also. He is going to probably run red fuel in it because it stays right in the park, it doesn't come out. Blankenship commented not if you take it to town to get mulch. Tippett commented that if they take it to town then they will have to run regular fuel. Blankenship commented if it shows any, it is too much to which Tippett responded right.
  - iv. Richards motioned to approve the budget as presented for 2022-2023. Ewing second.
  - v. Ewing asked for further discussion. On the erosion portion of the budget, he knows that further into the discussion, there is discussion about dredging around the lake with Saluki and all of that. Do we need to set aside some money to help out with the silting if we do embark on a silt



pond or something like that? Is that something that we could pull out of erosion, if those funds need to be there or is it something that we earmark and set aside? If we were going to entertain a silt pond to try and help out. He just wants to see what their input is on this one.

- vi. Wallace commented that the Conservancy District has some projects going on right to which Tippett responded that we could possibly see some silt ponds in 3 to 4 years. Wallace clarified that would be at their cost, but we would share some of that responsibility to which Tippett responded that yes, we would have to put a labor force into it, that was his understanding. Richards commented so right now we would just pull it out of erosion to which Ewing responded that we have \$185,000 in there right now and we are pulling what \$50,000 this year in expenditures, so he didn't know whether they entertain it now or later, but it is something that they should look at. Earmark money and put it aside if they are going to get serious about some kind of silt pond. Like he said, if the Conservancy District is willing to do something, so we are not trying to come back to contingency to find out where this has to come from. If we have the cart in front of the horse already, then we know that this is coming. We can look at this again in 6 months, if that is the case, he just doesn't want to lose sight of it. It is going to get here before you know it and being that we only have "x" amount of dollars in the erosion fund, he thinks that it would only be appropriate to pull it from that line item than create a whole other line item.
  - vii. Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Ewing aye, Wallace no. 6 ayes, Wallace no. Motion carried.
  - viii. Wallace asked if they put in the raise from \$.94 to the dollar, was that in this budget amount we just looked at to which Blankenship responded yes, it was \$700 and some for that.
- c. Discussion and Vote Bridge to Courtesy Dock
- i. Tippett commented that he got a quote for a new courtesy dock to go from the boat landing to the courtesy piers. The galvanized one is starting to sink those piers, everything takes on water eventually. He has a quote of around \$11,000. He is not asking them to give him a vote on whether they want it or not, he thinks they are going to get it. However, if he puts it on this order, it will save them \$2,000 in shipping costs, it is \$3,250 now to ship it here. Wyrick is making up an order now, he can fit it on the truck, and it will save us a lot for shipping. He wants to be able to go ahead and do that if the Board deems it. Ewing asked if this is for C Section to which Tippett responded no, this is for right there at the bottom of the boat ramp. They will pick the galvanized one up and offer it to the trails as a go over for something.



- ii. Wallace clarified that this is because it is pushing the courtesy docks down to which Tippet responded yes. The aluminum one that we are going to put in there is a lot lighter. Ewing commented that the one that is there now has holes in it. They have taken the backhoe down there a couple of times and put it back on the concrete. Tippet commented that it is tied on with a stainless-steel wire right now. Ewing commented that it is probably time for a new one.
- iii. Wallace motioned to approve the new bridge to the courtesy dock. Ewing second. Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and Vote to Reclass Investment to an Equity Fund
  - i. Brown commented that she had spoke to the auditor Alfredo Rodriquez in reference to the timber income and committing that to Park Development. He stated that the Board would have to take action and vote to commit the resources to just that and in return we would just create an equity account and the fund balance would be recreation and committed to park development. Similar to our balance sheet down below at the very bottom where you see our fund balances, it would be listed right there.
  - ii. Ewing clarified so they want us to create a whole other fund. Wallace commented that this is something from when the auditor, Alfredo, was here for the audit and they talked about having a fund created to set the money in for Park Development future usage. The Board talked about the project itself would be the addition of campsites. So instead of naming it addition of campsites, if you make it Park Development, then they wouldn't have to go back in 3 years and renaming it. He doesn't know that they actually voted for, he thinks that was the general consensus. That is what this is. It is just to create that fund.
  - iii. Ewing commented so once you classify that as a fund, then those dollars can only be used for that said purpose, if he remembers right. Once you classify an account or a fund, the wording. Like Recreation fund, is that an account or a fund to which Brown responded that we have both. Ewing commented that an account can move, but if it is a fund, he believes the fund has to be like the erosion fund, or the IMRF fund, or the paving and lighting fund, that is why they are labeled as a fund. In case something happens, those are not usable other than to which Tippet responded by vote of the Board.
  - iv. Wallace commented that to him it was to show this Board or any future boards that this money has been deferred for projects like that. The Board itself can actually look there and say we have this much money that we have set aside for this park development project, which at this



current point is the addition of campsites. Then if we get more money coming into it, then that is where it will go.

- v. Ewing asked if they have to establish the fund with a said dollar amount to which Wallace responded that they would transfer that amount, what was it \$150,000? Brown commented that he stated that the Board would not necessarily have to vote for a certain amount, that could be determined at a subsequent period. Ewing commented that he is good with putting 100% of the timber dollars into this fund because it is going to that exclusively. That way it doesn't get trampled on in other places. If we can earmark those dollars for that, as long as it isn't going to jam anything up.
- vi. Williamson commented that she agrees with Ewing, as long as they understand that is where that it is going, and it is not creeping out or whatever.
- vii. Wallace commented he thinks that it was discussed at some point that they are wanting to try to maintain half a million dollars of cash, and he doesn't see them having any type of issues with that. We don't really have any projects yet that they would have to worry about digging into that fund.
- viii. Sweet commented so that fund could only be used up to that amount to which Wallace responded yes. Sweet commented so if you needed another \$50,000, you are tied to that amount to which Wallace responded no, we could get the funds from somewhere else, but it would say that this amount would definitely, that you have in this wallet, could only be spent for this. We couldn't use it for erosion control or whatever, but let's say that it ends up being \$300,000, we would first use the money put aside for park development account and then we would have to seek the rest of the money elsewhere. Sweet commented so we would protect one fund, but we would be open to borrowing from another fund to which Wallace responded that the Board could, yes. Richards commented that it is like a one-way valve that money can only go one place that is in that fund.
- ix. Wallace commented that for him, it offers, if the Board changes or whatever, this money is here and this money was set aside to do this particular project so that they don't go and spend it on something else outside of what the Board has been talking about as far as a master plan.
- x. Ewing commented that he is okay with allocating a dollar amount to this fund. If we want to establish the fund now and discuss dollars later, that is fine too. Can we add all timber proceeds to this fund now to which Blankenship responded that he thinks that is a good suggestion, label any



timber money to go to this fund. Ewing clarified that they do know what that amount is to which Brown responded yes, we do, \$153,081.88.

- xi. Ewing asked if they establish a dollar amount, can they add to it to which the response was yes. Richards commented that you can't take that \$153,000 out and pave roads.
  - xii. Brown commented that they are basically taking action to commit any resources made from timber to go to that fund.
  - xiii. Ewing motioned to allocate the proceeds for the timber harvest to go to the Equity Fund in the amount of \$153,081.88. Wallace second. Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
  - xiv. Ewing commented that he has another question. By doing that, it is going to pull \$153,000 out of the general fund, that is going to skew the numbers on the budget that we just voted on to which Tippett responded that it is in infrastructure so they will just be taking it out and putting it in there. Ewing clarified so that won't change any of our numbers to which Brown responded no because they have the income in there. Ewing clarified that it will still show on the income side, he just didn't want them to shoot themselves in the foot.
- e. Discussion and Vote Bicycles to Charity
- i. Tippett commented that we have a whole trailer of bicycles in the trailer, and they have only used them once in the five years he has been here. He would like to contact Officer Sanders or David Ewing from the Shop with a Cop and see if they can use them for the kids or as gifts or whatever. We will be retaining the trailer, but he would like to see if they could take the bikes and put them to good use for a good cause.
  - ii. Wallace commented that the back history of that, that was a grant that actually the City of Marshall put together and literally brought to us and said here you go. We weren't really heavily involved other than taking it over. He imagines that there are still a lot of bikes in there with the stickers on them from when they bought them to which Tippett responded yes.
  - iii. Ewing commented that he has reached out to the 4-H groups, he has reached out to different school functions to get the bikes used, this was a safe ride or safe road campaign, with no traction. We have had them for 15 years.
  - iv. Wallace commented so this would be just for the bicycles themselves, we would be keeping the trailer. Are there helmets in there to which Tippett responded yes, there is also all sorts of hardware in there. There are extra tubes, there are some tires, there is a lot. Wallace commented that he didn't know if there were things that we would be keeping or are we



giving everything away. Tippet commented if they can give it away to charity, he would just say give them everything.

- v. Sweet asked if they would reach out to Martinsville, Westfield, and York Township also, please to which Tippet responded yes.
  - vi. Wallace motioned to donate any bicycles or bicycle gear or equipment that we have in the bike trailer to an agency or individual who will make sure that they go to individuals in our Park District. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- f. Discussion and Vote Boat Ramp Approach with Stone
- i. Tippet commented that the reason that he is wanting the \$19,000 in paving is to put some stone down on the boat ramp until next year when we can do it, but he has since learned, he has approached two different people for a price on asphaltting or concreting the approach. His idea was to get some CA-6 and tamp it in the best they can just to get through this year and they will get to it in the fall again. But since that time, he has talked to Commissioner Ewing and he is going to have him reach out to Wabash Township. Ewing commented that they have a chip sealer machine that they just purchased last year. He knows that they did some work at either the high school or a grade school last year and helped do some stuff there. He just talked to a trustee who talked to the road commissioner who said it wouldn't be a problem. They have a special truck that has to back up to it to dump into it, and they have that truck. It will be their stuff, so he told him that he would have our Director reach out to him this week, but he wasn't sure on the dimensions, how big of an area. He thinks that it would be in our best interest to reach out to them and see what it requires for us to use it. If it is going to be \$70-80,000, then it is a no go, but if it is in our price range.
  - ii. Tippet commented that we have \$19,000 right now and he would have to immediately enter into a governmental agreement right now and then he would need to get Board approval all in one fail swoop. We only have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to get this into play, or we have to go with Plan B which is just to stone it out for this year and then later come back and get it asphalted or cemented.
  - iii. Wallace commented so if you do approach them with an intergovernmental agreement and you tell them that we have \$19,000 they are either going to or not to which Tippet responded yes, and if they can't then he would just put it into stone. Wallace commented that he thinks that is the avenue that they should take and beyond that they would have to table this item as far as a vote.
  - iv. Tippet commented that they wouldn't have time, you would have to vote into an intergovernmental agreement before April 1<sup>st</sup>. he would



have to get this all done next week so that they would be within the budget for the \$19,000 because it changes.

- v. Sweet commented that it is his guess that you are going to have to put down the CA-6, then his guess is after listening to Ewing is that they will come in and spray oil on top of that and then they will let it set up. Unless they have come up with something else, he thinks that they are still going to have to have the rock in there. He is just trying to give them some idea of what will happen, but he thinks that it is a good idea. It is great and it moves us forward and if Wabash Township is willing to do that, that is even better.
- vi. Richards asked is this a good solution to this, is it a long-term solution or is it a band aid to which Sweet responded that it will last as long as the rock will stay in there underneath it. All it does is holds the rock in place, it is what the base does that matters. Hopefully that base will stay in there quite a while.
- vii. Ewing commented that they are still going to need a couple hundred ton of CA-6 to put in there to taper that out. he doesn't know, he hasn't seen the machine that they have, he just knows that they have it, and thought maybe it would work for us. Do we want to table this discussion for now and have Tippett reach out tomorrow and see if we can find out and then if they need to, they can call a special meeting unless something develops within the next week or two?
- viii. Tippett commented that he is still going to need the stone so they will have to approve that anyway. They will go ahead and start getting that stoned and then get ahold of this guy and if need be, they can come back to it.
- ix. Sweet can they do that, just in case he is wrong, but he doesn't think that he is, but can you get ahold of the road commissioner first to see if the stone is required, but he would hate for them to buy the stone and for him to say no, they use another technology now that he doesn't know about.
- x. Richards asked if there was a way to craft the motion that would give him the leeway to do that using a certain amount of dollars to which Tippett responded that he guesses that if he was to make a motion to approve up to \$19,000 in stone for the boat ramp and then if you only spend \$8,000. Tippett clarified that if the intergovernmental agreement comes up, do they want a special meeting or do they just want to do it if he can make an intergovernmental agreement and get it into the budget this year, just do it? Wallace commented that he really doesn't want to go back and wait on the budget and redo it, honestly.



- xi. Richards motioned to all the Executive Director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement and purchase materials and labor in the amount of \$19,000 to fix the boat ramp entry. Sweet second. Trefz aye, Richards aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

## 10. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Vote Silt Dredging Rear of Clarksville Cove
  - i. Tippet commented that he was contacted by Greg Robinson with Saluki Engineering concerning the rear of Clarksville Cove at a high rate. Most of the folks that live in that cove right there, can't use their docks at all. They can't get in, they keep getting hung up in silt. Robinson, from what he can tell, is suggesting that we dredge it, or we pick up the silt as we have done before. He is going to put it in a different spot and mound it in a different spot, anchor it with some A3 rip rap and a whole lot. His inference is that we should help pay for it. He talked to JD Wyman who is kind of heading up that whole group down there, and his feeling is that the Board should be helping but we should mitigate the problem before we move on.
  - ii. Blankenship commented that is what they said before, they have to fix the problem before you throw money away at dirt that is going to wash back in. He is asking them to start looking at putting in a silt pond. Where to put it and so on and so forth. This leads back to commissioner Ewing who wanted to earmark some money for erosion control.
  - iii. Ewing commented that like he said before, he thinks that everyone is in agreement, that before they back a dredge in there and splash it up on top of the hill, they need to fix the silt problem and then dig out the overburden, there is no sense in sucking it out right now. It is just going to go right back in tomorrow. They either have to look at a silt pond, silt retention, something and get that issue established before they go on. He knows it is bad for the people who have docks back there, he gets it.
  - iv. Williamson asked how many docks are back there to which Tippet responded 7.
  - v. Sweet commented that he has mentioned it before, but he believes that they need to talk to the farmers and have rip rap checks that slow down that water that runs through there because that would help. They can build a silt pond, but if they can retard the water that runs through there, they could slow it down, a bunch.
  - vi. Richards commented that the water there is coming across Clarksville Road between the storage place and the church, is that correct to which Ewing responded that it runs all the way in from Edgar county actually. You are probably draining 30,000 acres right there to which Sweet



commented it would be hard to slow that down. Ewing commented it is not all at once, but you are draining tributaries from Matt Murphy to Tom Murphy to people to own different fields, it takes a lot of water. He thinks that the county just fixed that road right there and put in a new culvert and all that, but if you follow that to the lake, it is ate out pretty bad and all that topsoil ends up right there. He thinks that Kuhn has dug it out with his Hi-Ho a couple of times and dug it out 4 years ago, he thinks that is where that little island came from. He doesn't know how to slow this one down without building some kind of huge dam. If the farmers would be willing to put in some kind of silt basins. He doesn't know.

- vii. Sweet asked about the soil conservation to which Tippett responded that we are entering into a grant agreement with the soil conservation and possibly 3-4 years they may actually help us out with some of these silt dams and actually help us slow it down some of the silt from entering into it. They are all ready in talk with the farmers as far as the check dams to slow the erosion of the farm ground. It is a huge undertaking, and this is another huge undertaking that we will end up doing. There will probably be three more silt ponds that will need to be put in before too much longer.
- viii. Richards asked if Robinson gave him any recommendations as to what kind of structure would be best suited for that area to which Tippett responded that he was hoping that he would tell him that, he is going to charge us to do it, but someone has to tell us what to put and where to put it. We own just past where they put that bridge and we start at that tree line and go all the way to the lake, we own all of that property. With the appropriation that you just approved, we are going to buy another excavator, a little bigger one, and we will probably be able to do it ourselves or at least dig it out. Maybe enlist the aid of John Boyer or whomever to get a silt pond in there. Richards commented that it is a pretty big flat-bottomed piece of land back there, but he doesn't know what the elevation would have to be to put a pond in there where you aren't backing water up to the road. Ewing commented where we aren't impeding the flow of water.
- ix. Wallace commented so he wonders what type of a cost it would be for one like, to which Tippett responded \$100,000. Wallace commented that this one is going to have to be a lot bigger because this one sees a lot more water. Richards commented 3 times the size, at least. Wallace commented that when the dock was first put in by the Sliphers 18 years ago or however long ago it was, they had to dredge it all out to get boats in there. It keeps silting in because that is the natural course of it, so he



hates us to go in and spend money on it. He doesn't have a problem with erosion control or helping the life of the lake, but he have a lot of other stuff that we can throw money at. When you are talking about \$100,000, that is a lot of money that we could use on other things here.

- x. Sweet commented that if you start that, then you need to go over here to the north side and clean all of that out too. You have folks over there who are in the same boat, there are times that they can't get out. once you start dredging then there is no stopping. They are on the right track, they need to spend their money, he would rather spend the soil conservation's money to slow this down. But until that point, there is nothing that we can do.
- xi. Ewing commented that there really isn't a whole lot that they can do, he is right, if we start one, then they are going to have to go all the way around the lake. He is just looking forward. He isn't saying that they go in and dredge it all out, but he is all for building some type of silt retention. That in itself is going to help and then if they don't have water then, that would be on them to dredge it out. he thinks they need to actively look if they are going to spend the money to rip rap around the lake and do all this. That is another erosion measure that they need to start looking at over the next 5, 6, or 10 years. Once that cove fills in, that part of the lake is over. If you are going to prolong the life of the lake, then silt ponds are about the only thing you can do to keep it from filling in at a rapid rate.
- xii. Wallace commented that he would surmise that the vast majority of the silt that is coming into the lake now is coming from there, it is not coming from the banks. It is getting so bad that it is coming from the tributaries. Ewing commented that he would say that 90% of it, if not more, is tributaries of topsoil erosion.
- xiii. Sweet commented that years ago Mike Mounce sat here at this very table and told them that it is not pretty, but sand bar wells are the only way you are going to stop this or slow it down. Of course, it is not pretty, it looks like the riverbank then. That was his thoughts, if you really want to slow it down, this is what you have to do because he was not a big proponent of the rip rap.
- xiv. Richards commented that it sounds to him that the Park District is not wanting to spend money on this project, however, would we allow them to do it at their own cost. It looks like they are going to remove some trees to take their silt out. So, barring any contribution from the park, would we allow them to dip it out?
- xv. Wallace asked what type of trees are they wanting to remove to which Tippett responded just some 5" and 6" trees, there will take down about



a dozen or so. And they will put the silt in there and armor it so that it can't get back in creek the way he understands it. He hasn't met with them to get the actual logistics of it, whatever tree they take out they will replace immediately in another, wherever we want it. Wallace commented that he thinks they will have to meet with them some more, bring them some more information.

- xvi. Ewing commented that they don't have a policy now on dredging do they to which the response was no. Ewing continued by saying then this is something that they would have to draft up as far as if an individual was to want to dredge out an area in front of their dock, he is sure that there is all kinds of Army Corps stuff that they would have to meet.
- xvii. Tippet commented that on this dredging, which was only two years ago, he checked with the Army Corps and the EPA, all they said was to berm it up so that it could never enter the lake again, which is what they did. Then they laid it out and seeded it and it is growing right now and looks nice. That creek that comes in there is just getting progressively larger pushing more soil into the lake there.
- xviii. Wallace commented that he knows when he was driving down Clarksville Road where they put the new ditches, the ditches are already being cut. So, it is a big problem.
- xix. Ewing commented that he would be okay with them dredging at their own expense, but he doesn't know what criteria that they are going to have to meet outside of what the Army Corps wants. Our access clearing permit that they already have, it would be so site specific that the Director or the maintenance supervisor would have to go in and be in agreement with it.
- xx. Richards commented that he thinks that for tonight he thinks it would be sufficient to proceed without the assistance of the Park District. They could go ahead and draw out a plan and let us know what the plan is and how they will execute it then they can decide whether or not to approve it.
- xxi. Ewing suggested that they leave it at that and if they would like to attend a Lake Management committee and they would like to bring in a proposal, then they could have more discussion there.
- xxii. Ewing motioned to table the silt dredging in the rear of Clarksville Cove. Trefz second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

- a. Wallace motioned to go into Executive Session under 5ILCS 120/2, C-1, for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the



public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. Ewing second. Richards aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**12. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session**

- a. Blankenship motioned to come out of Executive Session. Ewing second. Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**13. Discussion and Vote to approve and Open/Close Executive Session Minutes**

- a. Tabled

**14. Committee Reports**

- a. Campers
  - i. None
- b. Lake Management
  - i. None
- c. Finance – 3/14/22
  - i. Wallace reported that Finance met, and they went over the February 2022 financials. They talked about the bad writes offs which they approved to write off tonight. They went over the budget again and they also talked about what they also talked about tonight about creating the fund for the park development.
- d. Policy
  - i. None
- e. Trails
  - i. None

**15. Adjourn**

- a. Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.