



Clark County Park District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
April 15, 2021
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 Randy Blankenship, Jeff Wallace, Jana Williamson, Joey Ewing, Roy Sweet, Jeff Trefz, and John Richards. Also in attendance were Executive Director Jeff Tippett and Office Manager Danielle Brown.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. David Ewing commented thanked the Board for entertaining the Shop With A Cop Ride again this year. It will be very similar to the way it was last year with the food, the live band, they will ride out at 1:30. Same area, Buechler Shelter.
 - i. Williamson asked how many did they have last year to which Ewing responded people or buggies. Williamson commented buggies to which Ewing responded around 250 buggies and a little over 500 people. They raised about \$5,300 that they donated to the police and then the Marshall Booster Club provided the food which they paid them for, and they got like \$3,200 for that day, so they were able to help the school system and the Shop With a Cop Program.
 - ii. Blankenship asked if they ride them in or did, they truck them in to which Ewing responded both. Blankenship commented that would take a lot of room if they brought truck and trailer, that would take a lot of room. Ewing commented that they pretty much filled the field back there. Joey Ewing commented that some of them stayed and camped back there. He thinks that they talked last year about the horses, letting them know ahead of time that there will be side by sides back there so they may not want to ride their horse that day. David Ewing commented that they did have some horse people show up that afternoon, and there was no problem. They rode off to that side and parked away from them and there was no trouble.



- iii. Williamson asked if they have picked out a date to which D Ewing responded August 14th. Blankenship commented that it was between that and what else to which J Ewing responded that it was between this and the Prison Break. The Prison Break wanted to do theirs on the 14th, but we had already talked about this date with this one, so Sanders was okay with going with the 7th. D Ewing commented that they had originally planned on the 7th, but they had to move it because they were coinciding with the Clark County Fair and the people putting on the food have to cook Saturday night at the fair for the derby, so they moved it to the next weekend, so they have everything lined up.

7. Director's Report

- a. Tippet commented that the Nature Cabin is open, and it is in service. It has pretty much been rented every weekend since it has opened, and they have pretty much had positive feedback on it. Just put some more new furniture in place to fill it up. Yesterday they put the dock in place and anchored that down so the folks can use it while they are there for their boats. It is working out pretty good.
- b. Tippet reported that they are now carrying 22-pound bags of ice. This is on a trial basis and they are up here at the gatehouse. They sell for about \$4 per bag and we are still carrying the 7-pound bags all over.
- c. Tippet commented that they just submitted their 4th quarter OHV Reimbursement in the amount of \$26,981.01.
- d. Blankenship asked what the new cabin is renting for to which Tippet responded \$150 per night.
- e. Ewing asked where they are with the OHV Bathroom to which Tippet responded that they are waiting on Central State. They did a pick list on it, it didn't come with heaters, one of the windows was leaking, it wasn't flushing, and the hot water tank wasn't working. He contacted Central State and they contacted the people who made the bathroom, and they are sending up the stuff and they are sending a guy up to seal the window. So, no, it is not open. It would flush and then not flush, and then flush, and then not flush. Blankenship asked who is going to work on the toilet to which Tippet responded that Central State is doing that, they have a low-pressure valve coming for that. He had Clark-Edgar Water out to make sure the pressure was correct, and it was. Ewing asked if they are at with the heaters to which Tippet responded that he did approve heaters, one is vandal proof and then the one in the water closet is not vandal proof. It's locked. Wallace commented so they are not disputing to which Tippet responded they are not.

8. Payment of Bills – Discussion and Vote



- a. Ewing asked what the Industrial Supply invoice was for to which Brown responded that was for the pedestals for the campground and miscellaneous housekeeping.
- b. Ewing motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$44,217.84. Sweet second. Blankenship aye, Wallace aye, Williamson aye, Ewing aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

9. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Vote to proceed forward with the Timber Management Project
 - i. Richards commented that this is something that they discussed in a few different committee meetings. They had some discussion on what to do, where to do it, if they should do it at all. The consensus at that last committee meeting was that they were going to move forward. The only question that he has is that moving forward, are they going to try to divide that into quadrant or half and look at doing that. The reason for doing so is for access and landing sites.
 - ii. Blankenship commented that either way, it is do you want the money now or do you want the money later, that's the only difference that he sees. They are going to have the same landing; they are either going to have one on each end of this if they can or a big one in the middle. That's where they need to be so that they can come from each direction. They will need one on each side of the lake, the same way. If they can get one up front and one on the back, they might do that or they might have a big one in the middle, as close to the middle as you can get. They can drag it both ways.
 - iii. Ewing commented that it might be in their best interest right now to get an estimate on the entire tract right now. They can sit down and look at what they are working, they don't have to do anything as soon as they get that. Why don't they go ahead and look at running all of the timber on that side and then they can look at geographic location, exactly, well let's just cut this area or this area and see where their accesses land so they know whether they are looking at \$30,000 or \$230,000. That may be a deciding factor as to whether they even cut it at all. At lease they would have a baseline as to where they are at, at this given time. He doesn't think it's going to cost them anything more. It would be harder to break it out 700 feet this way and 300 feet this way, just this. He thinks if they just look at it on the north side of the lake and just see what is there and they can determine then whether they want to do just the east side or the west side.
 - iv. Blankenship asked if they have to put in the contract to cut the tops down now to which Ewing responded not now. Once they agree to sell the timber, at that time they will enter into an agreement to be sent out



to bid. Once we have decided that we want to cut these areas under these requirements and then they will send it out. He thinks that they should at least get a baseline. They have thrown numbers around for the last couple of months here. Blankenship commented that they don't really have any numbers to throw. Ewing commented that getting a concrete number, they can look at it in another committee meeting and decide whether or not this is something that they want to attain.

- v. Richards commented they do want to have him mark and create an estimated volume of footage or an actual volume of footage and the species. Ewing commented that is what he said the other night, if they move forward with looking into the timber then he would mark trees and give them volume of species.
- vi. Ewing motioned to proceed forward with the Timber Management Project to get an estimated volume of footage for the north side of the lake for that timber only. Sweet second.
 - 1. Sweet asked for further discussion. He can't say for sure that this is a part of it. He would like for them to remember how they acquired that timber. A lot of that ground that they acquired was given he believes through eminent domain where they were given pennies on the dollar. Families were told to move on. That is how they got a lot of that property, so he doesn't know how they can justify selling something that they got like that. He just wanted to refresh everyone that is how the ground was gotten.
 - 2. Richards commented that he understands the sentiment behind that, but he thinks that if you look at the flipside of that, everyone in the county whether they like it or not are now paying taxes towards the lake, with the exception of the people in Casey. If we utilize that resource to our advantage, we can potentially lighten the burden of everyone in the county, including those whose land was taken by eminent domain, by reducing their tax burden.
 - 3. Ewing commented that he doesn't know if there was eminent domain or not, he knows that there was ground that was sold. He thinks it would be doing it in just if they just let everything just fall down the rod. At least they are taking the resource and using those funds to give back to the public, whether it be for camping, whether it be for infrastructure, he thinks those resources would be better utilized for everybody. It isn't like the park is just taking the money for something that it wants, this something that they are doing for the entire community, the state, and everyone who visits us throughout the entire year.



4. Williamson commented that it also shows, she believes, that they are willing to manage the future timber that may fill in in upcoming years. She thinks that is important, herself, to be able to encourage that, the new to come. She would hate to see the trees just rot away and she does understand composing and building up the soil and that, but she thinks that we were given an opportunity here that they may not have had.
 5. Trefz commented that he feels that it could open up some opportunities on that part of the lake after the fact. Personally, his vote may have been a little different if the park wasn't doing so well. If they were just doing this to make it a go, they are sitting on a lot of money, they are going to turn it into possibly something more. He likes the idea.
 6. Wallace no, Williamson yes, Ewing yes, Sweet no, Trefz yes, Richards yes, Blankenship yes. 5 ayes, Wallace and Sweet nay. Motion carried.
- vii. Discussion and Vote 2021-2022 Tentative Budget and Appropriations
1. Wallace commented that when working through the budget this year, there was a lot of work done by the staff to work the budget based on historical data and projects that they know are upcoming. The result was negative budget for the year of \$218,791.80. The reason why we have a negative budget for the most part is because of the grant project that they have going on with the State of Illinois to redo our boat launch facility which everyone knows that it pretty much sucks up there right now. There is a lot of work going on there. There are some other things that will be done around the boat launch area. We still have in the budget, an amount to put in additional drive through campsites in the park along with that is budgeted \$101,500 for Timber. Outside of that it is based off of historical perspectives and the park need and stuff like that. He can't think of anything else the park needs. He will say that even though it is a negative budget, the park district stands with about \$1.1 million in the bank, so he feels like this fiscal year and possibly next fiscal year they may see a negative budget, it will get into our savings, but they are in a much better position than they were 10 years ago and each year they have done better.
 2. Blankenship commented that he would like to add that the Timber money is going to go towards that camping area, where that negative budget is coming from. Why that is showing



\$100,000, they are going to use that towards that new campground.

3. Sweet commented that he has heard that statement a couple of times, and he is old, so he forgets. When did they vote that is where that money is going to go? That is kind of why the timbering is going to be done. Richards responded that they haven't voted on it, we talked about it in committee. Ewing had made a point early on, that if they were going to take out timber that it needs to go to a specific project for a specific resource and not just put in a general fund and just get whittled away. It needed to go to something that was going to be a part of the park for a long time and not something, like roads or lighting, to where it would have to be redone and redone. Ewing commented that it needed to be a capital project, not just a recurring expense project like roads and stuff like that. Something capital that they could recoup their money back over time. Richards commented that it hasn't been voted on but that is the sentiment all the way moving forward with this. If they would like to solidify this some time, they could do that sometime. Blankenship commented that they need to see if they are going to do this or not before they vote on it. Richards commented that is fine, but if that is something that is important to everyone, then they can do that once they have decided to move forward with the project. Ewing commented that he thinks that is why it keeps getting repeated that these dollars are being allocated to a camping project. When they do get ready to pull the trigger on that finite dollar amount of what it is going to cost them and what they are going to get, it is on tape and they have discussed this multiple times, that way they don't just come in and say well we are going to use that money over here. That has been the spearhead for this project. He doesn't know if they have anything to vote on now, he knows that they have voted in the past to go ahead and get the engineering done for this campground and all that. They will just piggyback on what has been done in the past, trying to move this project forward a little more. Maybe in the camping committee they can discuss it next and have something to vote on in the next meeting, he is not opposed to it. Get something in writing and on tape.
4. Sweet clarified that figure is \$101,500 to which Richards responded yes. Blankenship commented that is kind of a guess. The next level is when they will get people to tell them it's a real number, 100%, if it was \$5,000 off. Sweet commented that was



his concern, the budget. That clears it up for him when they get ready to vote on the budget.

5. Blankenship motioned to accept the budget for the 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriations. Richards second.
 - a. Wallace asked for further comment. The infrastructure for the 4 campsites is \$56,000. His concern right now is that what Ewing was saying using that money towards infrastructure and not going towards the roads because the roads don't make us money, but the campgrounds generate money so there is a return on that. His concern is that he doesn't know by any means what kind of return on investment that they are going to get from that \$56,000, how long is it going to take to get that \$56,000 back. How many years is it going to take 10 years, 15, 20? His concern is that they are continuing to add infrastructure which expands the park, but he doesn't feel that they are working diligently to reduce the taxation to the public. He thinks that there is this thought that they need to do things that are income generating to reduce our tax levy. Here they have \$56,000, how much are they going to get back. That is a concern of his and they are entering in to, well they just voted on the agreement of the timbering for \$101,500, we actually do not know how many trees, where they are going to get started at, we do not have a comprehensive plan moving forward. They have an idea, but they don't have a comprehensive plan. He just wanted to bring those two items to the Board.
 - b. Blankenship commented that their next step is to get those ideas, to get it finalized to know what those are before they sign a contract. Wallace commented that would be good, but they are putting the cart before the horse. They are saying that they are going to be getting \$101,500 when they don't know for a fact. Blankenship commented that it is a very educated guess. Wallace commented that he can't work off of guesses.
 - c. Richards commented that they can withdraw that, and they can take that money out and do a negative \$300,000 budget. Wallace commented no. He brought his concerns to the last Lake Management meeting. He hasn't gotten any additional information since that time. They are building 4 drive through campsites at \$56,000. What kind



of revenue is that going to get them? He doesn't know. He wanted his thoughts known before they vote on this. Richards commented that his thought on that is the \$56,000 is not going to be representative of the expansion of the campground, it is representative of the initial startup cost of the campground and four sites. The additional sites in that campground will cost far less because you won't have to put in the road around or near the infrastructure for those. All the campsites will supposedly rent for the same amount, so those that we spent less money on will rent for the same as the ones we spend more money on. It's not that we are spending more money to put in those campsites, it is just cheaper to just put in the infrastructure than it is to do it piece meal. Yes, these first few campsites are initially going to cost more, but in the end, you cannot divide \$56,000 by 4 and say that it is going to cost whatever that is. Wallace asked how many campsites are they talking about to which Tippet responded 39. Wallace commented that the way he looks at things, he wants to see the whole scope of the project. This is what it is going to be. We are going to spend \$56,000 this year, then at this point we will have 4 drive through sites left, next year this is what we will be doing. Maybe they think he is being picky about this, but he just feels a great responsibility to the people that voted him in and with the finances, that concerns him greatly. He has had people tell him they are glad they we are going to be putting in more campsites. He took that all in, but he is trying to be as responsible as he can. He is just trying to bring things to peoples' attention.

- d. Richards commented that if it is having the timber money in there that is bothering him, let's take it out. Wallace commented that they need to get a budget passed and at the last meeting he expressed it. Richards commented that he should have brought the same thing at that point, if it was a problem, they should've taken it out then. Wallace commented that he mentioned it. Richards commented he did, but they didn't take it out. You are the one drafting the budget for the most part, and if there's a problem, then take it out, then they will vote on a negative \$300,000 instead of a negative \$200,000 budget. Wallace



commented that even though he is the treasurer, he can't just say that he isn't going to sign it, he can't do that. He gives them all, everyone has their say in this, no one has more power than anybody else. He just needed to state his opinion here. He tried, at the last Lake Management Committee Meeting, to express his concerns with a couple of things with this. He even asked if they are actually going to get \$101,500 if they just cut one side or what are they going to do here because he knew how it was going to impact the budget, because it could even be more of a negative budget if they continue to do the infrastructure project and have less money here. He is not trying to throw a wrench into this, he just wanted his thoughts known.

- e. Sweet commented that he thinks this discussion is really good, he likes to see both side of it. He was prepared to vote no until you brought up, we could take it out and have a \$300,000 deficit budget which he doesn't want or a \$200,000 but listening to his comments has changed his mind totally. These discussions are good discussions, and they are good to have. He thinks that they are headed in the right direction. He appreciates them.
- f. Richards commented that they could take it out and have another meeting and amend the budget. It was his understanding that they were going to try to do this as a tentative and then later on they are probably going to have to have another meeting to amend the budget anyway when they find out what this timber project is going to bring in, whether it is more or less. He gets what Wallace is saying, it is hard to work off of unknowns.
- g. Wallace commented that he is trying not to be, he thinks they have heard him say that it isn't good to have a Board that always votes 7 out of 7, there needs to be discussion. That's the reason he is bringing this all forward. Those were the comments that he had.
- h. Richards commented that it is understandable.

6. Williamson aye, Ewing aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Blankenship aye, Wallace nay. 6 ayes, Wallace nay. Motion carried.

viii. Discussion and Vote Shop With a Cop ATV Ride with Dave Ewing



1. Tippet commented that would be August 14th, the same as last year. He spoke to them. They would have to lift their ban on ATV for that one day so they can get in and get out. There wouldn't be any driving around in the campground or anything like that. They would drive them in and drive them out, and they all stay in the ditch going in and out. J Ewing commented that they are not allowed inside the campground there and back.
2. Richards commented that it has been done, it was a positive experience, there was no problems, and everything worked out well.
3. D Ewing asked if they are going to be able to waive the camping fees like they did last year to which Tippet responded yes. Richards commented for the primitive camp trails, yes.
4. Ewing motioned to approve the Shop With A Cop ATV Ride and being the park is not receiving any money or monetary gain, he doesn't feel the need to abstain from this vote. Blankenship second. Wallace asked for further discussion.
 - a. Wallace commented that he appreciates everything that they are doing and the money that is being raised, that all goes to a good cause. To say that there were not any issues last year, he feels is not correct. He saw pictures of people who were in their UTV's drinking, WMMC posted the pictures on Facebook and he doesn't agree with that. We also had a vehicle that was stolen and ended up in the lake, and it wasn't stolen. This is a concern of his. He wanted to bring those two points up.
 - b. Richards asked if he has any reason to believe that the vehicle in the lake was connected to this ride to which Wallace responded yes. Ewing asked if it was a car or a side by side to which the responded was it was a car.
 - c. Sweet commented that he believes that if he remembers right, all of the people involved were going to try to police it. You can only do so much; you can control what you can control. There are going to be a little bit here and there, but he thinks all in all, from what he understands it all went pretty smooth. That is the first he has heard about the car in the lake being tied to the ride. Wallace commented but it was that night. Richards commented that is why he asked if he had any reason to connect it to the ride or not. Wallace commented that this is a small county, and the word gets out. Williamson commented



she didn't know it was connected either. Ewing commented that he knows around that same time, their campground was full and a lot of the campers that camp with us are ATV riders and they did participate in the event out here for that. The whole campground, he never heard a single complaint from the campground about anything like that. Everyone came and camped for that. You are always going to have one hiccup or one bad apple to spoil the bunch, but he thinks that all in all with the number of people who were here and the side by sides and the ride, he didn't hear anything negative as far as anything else.

- d. Williamson commented that she came out here mid-morning that morning and then back a little bit after lunch and then back in the evening to hear the band and at that point in time there were happy people. It seemed like everything was right there where the music was. She didn't see anything outstanding, and it was like Monday or the next day before she heard anything about the vehicle being in the lake and she had not really drawn a conclusion that was from that or heard that the vehicle was a part of the event.

5. 6 ayes, Wallace nay. Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. Discussion and Vote Prison Break Obstacle Course Race with Jeff Sanders
 - i. Richards commented that this is to be August 7th. Ewing commented he doesn't remember the time frame from when it starts in the morning. He wants to say 9am, registration starts and then it goes all day. They did discuss it in the Campers meeting and basically, he is going to have all of the volunteers. He is going to come out and set the course which is pretty much going to pertain to the campground to the horse trails to that side. He thinks that with the Mayhem they went up Clarksville Road and up and around and he is pretty sure that isn't going to happen with this one. It is going to stay that way. It is a shop with a cop run also, they usually do it out at Lincoln Trail, they do their obstacles and all that, the mud run and everything. This year they wanted to change the venue and come here.
 - ii. Blankenship commented that they were afraid that with COVID the state might shut the state down. Ewing commented that being that is a state park, and we are a county park, and something does happen, the county would be more workable than what the state would recommend they do.



- iii. Ewing commented that he is taking care of everything, he doesn't think that there is any requirement from the park as far as just routine, mow the grass, everything is here.
 - iv. Sweet commented that he knows that the last couple of years at the park, they cleaned up really good, and they didn't leave anything laying around. They did a good job with it.
 - v. Ewing commented that when they mark the trails in the woods, they go back and take all of their flagging down and take all that back with them. Most of these people are local people and they aren't going to come in and trash the place.
 - vi. Wallace commented that he thinks they should still have some of the stuff from Travis Jones and the events that he had, if they need like trail markers or anything, there were some trail markers. Ewing commented that there were over in the building by the dam. Wallace commented that he tore the trail down from the last time they had it, and he brought everything back up here. There were signs that have directional arrows. Tippet commented that he hasn't seen them. Ewing commented that Sanders said that he had everything that he needed as far as signs and markers and spotters and people. There really wouldn't be any requirements of us. He is sure that if we had some caution tape and stuff, if he needed it, he could use it, but as far as us providing anything, there wasn't any talk of that.
 - vii. Richards clarified that he didn't need any manpower or anything like that to which Ewing responded no, but he would welcome any volunteers, but it wasn't like he needed us or the park staff to do anything. Richards commented that they have the liability waivers and all that to which Ewing asked if we got a copy of their waivers. He knew that they were going to send it to our attorney to make sure that everything was good.
 - viii. Wallace commented that he hopes that these people understand how bad our tick problem is out here. It is bad. He found 13 ticks on him the last time he tore the course down, he was picking them off for at least 2 hours.
 - ix. Wallace motioned to approve the Prison Break Obstacle Course that is being put on by Jeff Sanders on August the 7th of this year. Williamson second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and Vote 3rd of July Festivities
- i. Tippet commented that we have a budget of \$11,000 for the 3rd of July festivities. As he explained at the committee meeting, he was contacted by Chris Miller who is going to put on the band that is going to play out into the water rather than us put a DJ, we are duplicating our efforts at that point. Everybody gets to that corner in Mill Creek Cove and down a



little bit. He said that he would put the band so that it plays out onto the water and he would get a banner saying sponsored by Mill Creek Park. He will hang that. At the concession stand area where the fireworks will be, we will have a DJ from 4-7, just to feed everybody and get them going and at 7 we will have a band. We have 2 bounce houses and 2 tents, that were actually paid for last year, so the \$11,000 that you are looking at is not quite what it is going to cost us. Our fireworks did go up to about \$8,000, we have advertising, some stamps, and things like that. We have about \$2,500 in donations in already. He would like to go ahead and start moving forward and get a band if the Board will approve the festivities with 4 food vendors and 1 ice cream vendor.

- ii. Sweet commented these things that you are doing, is their going to be a caveat that we are going to follow CDC Guidelines if this thing gets worse, he hopes that it gets better, but he thinks that we need to have something in there where we protect ourselves and other people. Tippet commented that we did last year, we marked all of the social areas and where to be and we spread everything out 6 feet. We had lines marked where you had to stand if you were getting food. Sweet commented that if Chris Miller is going to go ahead and pay for all of this stuff, he just thinks that it would be nice if he knew it up front that we are going to follow the CDC Guidelines and we would expect him to do the same thing to which Tippet responded okay.
- iii. Ewing asked how much money they had held over from last year that they didn't use to which Tippet responded that they just had the credit from the tents last year, it was about half of what the bounce houses and tents cost is paid for already. Ewing asked if they had any money held over from donations to use or anything to which Tippet responded no.
- iv. Ewing commented that it sounds good to him, they don't know what the State is going to do, anything that they hand down to them they are going to have to do, have a contingency for even the running race and the side-by-side thing. Luckily, this is our venue and that is theirs, and we did it last year so.
- v. Wallace asked if he has heard anything from the Public Health Department of how many people have had their shots yet. They aren't putting anything out there yet. Richards commented that he hasn't seen anything reliable, he doesn't know how many the Health Department has given out or anything like that. He has to say that it was a lot more than it was last July. He thinks that our risk is a lot less than it was last year and with as many people who have naturally gotten COVID and vaccinated, he thinks that they are in better shape to hold a, and with it



being an outdoor event, we are in better shape to do that this year than we were last year.

- vi. Wallace motioned to approve the Third of July Festivities. Ewing second. Ewing aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Richards aye, Blankenship aye, Wallace aye, Williamson aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session 5ILCS 120/C21

- a. Tippet asked if they could table Executive Session.
- b. Wallace motioned to table Executive Session. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

12. Vote to Approve and Open/Close Executive Session Meeting Minutes

- a. Wallace motioned to table Vote to Approve and Open/Close Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated 3/18/2021. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

13. Committee Reports

- a. Campers - 4/1/21
 - i. Ewing reported that campers met. They didn't have any campers there and he was very shocked and surprised. They discussed the electrical pedestals in the campground, he knows that they are constantly looking at that to upgrade the electrical pedestals. He thinks that is what that money was for was to purchase some to have on hand so if one does go bad, they have one to swap it out without waiting. We discussed the campground and the expansion like we did here. Richards added drainage and unfortunately, they have to wait until fall to do that. Ewing commented drainage and rock. Like he said, they have all of that material, it is ready to go, they just have to wait for the timeframe. Richards commented they talked about the overlay in B section to which Ewing commented yes and didn't they already approve that. Tippet commented that they did write Clark County Highway Department a check so that it was on the last budget. Blankenship verified that. Ewing commented that was to overlay B Section to which Blankenship added that was for the curves and the other places that are really bad. Ewing commented that will get us by for a little while with the campground, but until they get the drainage issue resolved hopefully this fall and then they can look at a larger paving. Hopefully by that time there will potentially be some grants available, but there is or isn't they are still going to have to do it.
- b. Lake Management – 4/8/21
 - i. Richards reported that they talked about the fish structures in the lake. That has been done correct to which Tippet responded yes. Richards commented that those are really neat. He doesn't know if everyone saw them, but they are cinder blocks with pipes coming out of them, look like



tree branches. They are pretty neat and hopefully will provide the fish some cover. Blankenship commented that they all were donated, right to which Richards responded yes. Tippet commented that we donated the pipe for them, and they donated the concrete and the brick form for them.

- ii. Ewing asked if they have a map of those locations to which Tippet responded that it is coming. Ewing commented that the fishing tournament guys wanted to know if they could get a map of the fishing structures when it becomes available.
 - iii. Richards commented that the big discussion that they had there was the Timber Management that they voted on tonight. It is still to a great degree to be determined.
 - iv. Sweet commented that they talked in that meeting that he was going to check on the taxation of that to which Tippet responded that he did and no they don't pay taxation. Sweet clarified that we don't pay any tax to which Tippet responded that they do not. The attorney was in the next day, he is sorry, he forgot to tell him.
- c. Finance – 4/12/21
- i. Wallace reported that the finance meeting, they met to go over their profit and loss and everything and the budget and had a discussion about that. Everyone was pretty much there so there really anything else to go over about that.
- d. Master Plan – 3/5/21
- i. Richards reported that they did have a Master Plan meeting and that is when they discussed the Timber Management the first time and they decided that they didn't know enough about it to make any type of decision and decided to have the forester come in and explain it better to them.
- e. Policy - 3/30/21
- i. Williamson reported that policy met, and they are working right through it. Tippet commented that they are reworking the drug policy.
 - ii. Richards asked if anything happened with the trailers that they were talking about to which Tippet responded that the policy committee has recommended that they do have a fee and a charge and that they bring it to the Board to set that fee and charge, but the policy itself hasn't been approved by the Board. Williamson commented that they have to get that taken care of in Policy and bring it to the Board to get it approved. Richards clarified that once it goes into effect, it will be enforced next year to which Wallace responded that was the determination to enforce it next year.



- iii. Tippett commented that if anyone has a second, run down the B Section, on the left-hand side of the road, about halfway down, who it is is not important, look at the tents that he has up. Blankenship commented that they already have a policy to which Tippett responded that he knows but they haven't enforced it in so long that now, that is why they are looking at it. Another thing, he just received a long letter from the attorney, that our policy, with the State law, we can no longer reclude someone with a felony from being hired, that is now null and void. There is a whole process that they have to go through, paperwork before, advise the subject that they may or may not get the job because they are a convicted felon. Do an investigation, make a recommendation, then notify the person if they have been hired or not. This is from the Illinois Human Rights Act that has been expanded, just because they are a convicted felon, at this point, does not mean that we can excluded them from being hired at the Clark County Park District. Sweet commented that would dove tail to Board members because he knows that in the past that you cannot be a felon and be a Board Commissioner, so if you can work here now you can be a Board Member and be a felon, he is just guessing that would be correct. Tippett commented that he doesn't know. Wallace commented that it sounds logical, since they passed it up there, it is going to be illogical. Sweet commented that someone was concerned when he first ran that he was a felon to which Blankenship commented him too.
- f. Trails – None
- g. 3rd of July – 3/30/21
 - i. Williamson commented that they discussed what they talked about tonight.
 - ii. Ewing commented that he would like to revert back to camping really quick in regard to the email concerning the easement over there. He knows that they produced something from Steve Turpin stating that easement or right of way is theirs. He has seen that in a deed in the past when he went back to look for, he couldn't find it and now it surfaces back again. With it in the abstract, the Orrell's were able to produce it, and it is in an email form. He doesn't know what it takes to vacate a right of way, he doesn't think that one person from the assessor's office can vacate a right of way because he wants to or at will. He doesn't know where to go from here, he guesses that it would be in the attorney's hands from here. If it is something that they want to go after or something that they want to ascertain is to exercise this right of way. With the letter they sent us that the two rods wide have been given back and no right of way anymore. Legally for a township right of way, there



has to be a vote upon, the township or the road commissioner can't just say you can have it. He believes it has to go on a ballot to which Sweet added he believes there has to be a petition. Ewing commented that a public hearing has to be held and everyone has to agree to vacate the right of way or easement. He doesn't know what the language reads whether it is an easement or right of way, he doesn't know what the difference in the two are, but he is sure there is, but he knows the search continues. He knows that the ground is no longer for purchase according to their letter, they are not interested in selling any of it at this time. Blankenship commented that they might as well really see what they have to do. Ewing commented that our only course if they want to exercise that easement would be to see where we legally stand on the easement. He guesses they will see where the new road commissioner takes office next month, where he stands on it and go from there. Blankenship commented that he can FOIA the Clark County Court House for any records showing where the meetings were held to relinquish all that, and it will take the burden off of you and put it on them. You have the year, it says 2012, so then it is not an impossible task. So, if you FOIA that, you want the meeting minutes where that was held, voted on, and petitioned, whatever it takes, which it didn't happen. Ewing commented he knows it didn't happen, however legally we need to find our avenue where we go from here. Blankenship commented that if they FOIA that, it will go a lot further to an attorney not having to go search it. Ewing commented that he has to go to the courthouse in the morning so he may do that on behalf of his own personal interest and see what he can find and try to kick this can. With that being said, it is still up in the air about the easement for the OHV trails. He does want to remain good neighbors; he doesn't want to just blow in there and say it is mine. He wants to work with these people, he doesn't want to make everyone mad. He doesn't want to go that route if there is a peaceful resolution, whether it is legal or personal. He will look into it and see what he can find out.

14. Adjourn

- a. Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.