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Superintendent: Carl Malone

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

City Hall Auditorium

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (May 2023) Park Board Meeting.
- (5) Superintendent Report – George
- (6) Parks Programming & Park Event Approval – George Foley
- (7) Prairie Creek Report – Dustin Clark
- (8) Old Business
 - Friends of Prairie Creek
- (9) New Business
 - Tuhey Bath House
- (10) Action Items
- (11) Public Input – (3) minutes limit – Please state your name and address.

*** Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**



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Park Staff

Muncie Parks and Recreation staff have been consistent with park duties which include mowing, mulching, tree trimming, power washing, and painting the restrooms. The staff has also provided support to Prairie Creek, Tuhey Pool and Beech Grove Cemetery.

Muncie Parks and Recreation Program Department has kicked off its Program Delivery services on June 6, 2023. The Muncie Parks and Recreation Summer Youth Intern and Mentor Program has placed 180 Youth in this year's program. 60 of our Youth are considered Mentee's between the ages of 11-13.

Tuhey Park and Pool

- Tuhey Pool was able to open and operate on Memorial Day weekend and served about 600-800 family and youth to date. The YMCA lunch is providing free lunches that started on June 12th in Tuhey Park, serving families daily between 12:00pm-1:30pm.

Halteman Community Park

- Pickleball courts update. The fence has been installed for the pickleball court and they are leveling out the court and it will be lined by next week.

Riverview Park Update

- Completion projected Summer of 2023. See Dustin Clark for more updated information.

If the Parks Board have any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Malone at the park office (765) 747-4858 or cell (765) 749-8490.

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Superintendent
Muncie Parks and Recreation

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June 20, 2023 6 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER- Brad Marshall called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All stood for the Pledge

3. ROLL CALL- Present were Brad Marshall, Shannon Powers, Mark Ervin, James Lutton and Chandra Parks.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY BOARD MINUTES- Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – George Foley, Program Director

George stated Superintendent Malone is on vacation for a week. He started by giving a shout out to our staff as they have been hard at work this summer as far as mowing, mulching, tree trimming, power washing and painting the restrooms as there has been a lot of graffiti in them. They have also been helping out at Prairie Creek, Tuhey Pool and Beech Grove Cemetery.

Tuhey Pool was able to open for Memorial Day and attendance has been going well. The YMCA has been providing free lunches to the youth every day since June 12th between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. The only stipulation is they must eat on site.

Halteman Park – the pickleball courts should be completed shortly. He went by today and the fence was installed and they are leveling the court with the expectation it will be lined by next week.

Riverview Park Update – There is a projected completion date of 2023. Dustin Clark, Project Manager, should have more information.

George asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Shannon inquired if we had an update on the Skate Park. George stated there has not been. However, our intern is working with the Skate Park Coalition and he is reaching out to get some information.

Brad asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

6. PARKS PROGRAMMING & EVENTS – George Foley, Program Director

Izzy West – Scales and Tails Exotic at Westside Park. Would like to do it weekly on Thursdays in the grass. They are expecting about 20 – 50 people. There will be no vendors. They are not requesting any equipment. The purpose is education and interactive experience for kids and families. This was the group we invited to come out after we saw their postings on Facebook. I believe Nikki reached out to them so they could seek event approval from the Board.

Shannon inquired if this was the snake group and George confirmed it was. Shannon asked if they were selling snakes or if it was just educational. George stated it is just educational. Shannon stated from what she's seen on Facebook, it's the put the snake around your neck kind of thing. Do we know if these snakes are venomous? George stated he didn't know and would have to confirm with them. He stated we can invite them to the next meeting so they can answer those questions and give more details about the event.

James inquired if they provided insurance. George stated they did not give any type of insurance but we can request it.

Brad stated those would be the two biggest concerns and we might want to pass that by our legal team as well to make sure we are in compliance with liability issues. He appreciates them filling out the form as he and Nikki reached out to them. He didn't know there was a process, so that's a reminder to everyone that if you're having events, you need to come before the Board with an event proposal.

This event was tabled until the next meeting so we can get more information.

PSL Muncie – Rally/Community Gathering at Heekin Park on 7/1/23 from 3-7 pm. They plan on bringing progressive leaders and speakers to discuss their shared vision of Muncie's future. They are expecting approximately 50 people. They will not have any vendors. Can hire security if needed.

George asked if there were any questions and Brad inquired about the date. George confirmed it is 7/1/2023.

Brad asked if there were any additional questions about the event.

Shannon asked them if they can stand up and explain the purpose of the event. Austin stated they are getting together some progressive groups and advocacy groups in Muncie to establish what we can do to bring the community together. Along with mutual aid groups as most of the groups don't have a lot of communication with each other, so having everyone in one place may be beneficial for the organizations.

Shannon asked which organizations they were inviting. Austin stated they were having Muncie Outreach, Misty White (Community Organizer at Inspire Academy), and some others Mario would know. Mario added IDOC Watch, YDSA, local members of their group and if they get approval will reach out to other groups that may want to set up a table to give out information about what they do. It will be an open space for the community to engage with local leadership and other groups. They plan to reach out to more but wanted to get the space approved first. Shannon inquired if they will hire security and he stated they will if needed. They have their own security for crowd control but have gotten a quote for event security from Alpha Wolf.

Chandra asked if the agenda for the event was to see how these organizations could come together to move Muncie forward or how you all could collaborate. He stated there will be speakers on different topics like climate change, prison watch, housing rights, education rights and having a space for organizations to engage with the community. They will be able to give out information and sign up people who want to volunteer in the community. It will be a speaking event with an intermission, so people can mingle, more speakers and then we will close out. It should all be contained where the tables are set up.

Brad asked if they had this event before and he stated they have not, it's the first one for them. They have had other events, protests and a small march/parade, but haven't held one like this. For this type of coalition type event they need more space and engagement from other groups.

Shannon inquired how many people they were expecting to come and they stated a minimum of 50. There will be 8 speakers and the circle of people they have, we expect at least 50.

Brad stated they mentioned the groups they were inviting and inquired who is actually hosting the event and he responded PSL Muncie is hosting the event. PSL stands for the Party for Socialism and Liberation, it's a national party and we're the local organizing branch.

Brad inquired if there were any additional questions and there were none. He stated based on what has been discussed, security is one thing they will want to see. He stated the MPD, Carl, George or Nikki can also help suggest one that has been used before. Mario stated they have received a quote from Alpha Wolf Security. Chandra stated knowing some of the topics would be helpful and he replied topics would range from how climate change affects us in Muncie, prison advocacy, housing rights, health care rights, education rights, food security, LGBTQ rights, what the PSL does and community organization and involvement in Muncie.

Brad asked if there were any additional questions and there were none. Based on the contingency for security set forth, he would entertain a motion for approval.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Austin asked if the Board wanted proof of security brought into the office? Like, a receipt or something to make sure we've got an authorized security team. Brad stated they could do that or call into the office.

George stated there were no other events needing approval, so he would like to move onto programming. Summer sports programming starting on June 26th with baseball and softball. We had a baseball and softball Camp, one week of each at our new baseball field at McCulloch Park. We had a good turnout for softball and baseball, the parents and the kids are requesting that we do another camp. So, we'll probably do another camp in the fall. The kids learned a lot about baseball and softball, and the attendance for girls' softball increased daily. It started off slow, but it picked up daily, a lot of those girls want to continue with softball. We were also to have the Central softball coach participate. She came out and helped the girls every day and showed them some drills. So, we were happy for her to come out and work with those girls. We worked with The Barn Academy for baseball. So, we got a nice turnout for it and they actually got a chance to play on the turf which is what Cal Ripken suggested that we do for some kids programming. The Muncie Police Department also came out for the baseball camp for about 3 days and passed out water bottles.

George stated last week we started with the NFL Flag Football League and it's going well. We have about 85 kids signed up and it was pretty intense last week. They were pretty competitive and I was impressed with how good some of them were playing flag football. Many of the parents that were there were also really excited. The kids are burning some energy over the summer and being able to play. They all had jerseys and we will have our sponsors come out next week and they'll take pictures with the teams they helped sponsor by paying for the uniforms and things like that. We have the

banners on the fence line of all nine of our sponsors of the program. So that's going pretty good, so far.

Finally, the Summer Mentor and Employment Program is going good even though we had some setbacks in the beginning. Not sure if everybody knew but we received a call about the twelve and thirteen year olds working. So, we had to switch up the program about the middle of May. Those 11, 12 and 13 year olds are being considered mentees and are not working at any sites. And so, we're doing mentor programs with them all six weeks on Thursday and Friday. We've partnered with Ball State, and others for that. If everybody has seen some of the pictures on Facebook, they have learned about drones and did some stem programming. We'll be doing some things with Ivy Tech this week, and they'll be learning about agriculture and gardening. They'll be doing some other activities with MadJax, where they'll learn about 3D printing. They'll be making key chains and other items. We're also partnering with Ball State on E-gaming and so that would be a whole day of activities learning about that. So, we had to get creative with them and get it approved by everybody. And so those 11, 12 and 13 year olds are considered mentees. So, they're actually not doing any physical work.

The rest of our youth, who are 14 to 17, are working and they're doing a great job. We got that one special project that we're doing with Eco-Rehab and I went out there. Those kids work, Monday and Fridays. They work differently than the other group of kids because of the Eco-Rehab schedule. They're building park benches and picnic tables for us. And those are coming along really well. They had a session with Ball State. They'll be using their stamping machines to put the Park logo on the picnic tables and park benches. And then the kids will be able to sketch their names into those benches and picnic tables that they helped build. There's 20 of those youth, and they love it. I mean everybody's probably seen some of the pictures on the Parks page but it's really good. We're getting a lot of good feedback from the community about that.

The other youth who are working for the Housing Authority, Cornerstone, the Y, Second Harvest. They're working out really good. We're getting regular calls from those facilities saying that the kids are working hard, following orders, being manageable, which that's what we want one of them to do. The program is going really well, and there's 180 youth that we have for another four weeks. So, I want to thank The Mayor, City Council, and the Parks Board for working with us and for giving these kids an opportunity. Because we didn't know what we were going to tell these 80 kids that we interviewed and was going to be part of the program. So, we're glad everything was able to work out and these kids are able to stay busy for six weeks during the summer of this program. So, I just want to thank all those parties involved and as they're really enjoying themselves.

I'm enjoying watching some of the kids. There are challenges when you get with kids, but overall, with the project I think we're teaching them a lot, and everything is going

good with that project right now. So, we'll be doing some basketball tournaments, this summer, for some young people. We're going to do a Back-To-School tournament coming up. Want to meet with Halteman about doing, maybe a pickleball tournament coming up once the court is done. This summer and programming is going really good. I think it's the vision that Superintendent Malone saw coming for us to do. We just want to continue programming on and on.

Brad inquired, with the kids that are in the under 14 age group, I know one of the pieces of this was pay or compensation for their time. Was there a way to work through that? George replied, yes, we were able to still award them that. Yes. Yes. It was a headache for a little while. It was kind of stressful for a little, but it all worked itself out. And so we're happy. What we came up with, me and my Administrators and my leads are great. We're all working together. I made some calls to Ball State, made some calls to Ivy Tech, made some calls to MadJax and some other business and they were more than welcoming to work with us with. So, I just want to say, I think Muncie's going in the right direction as far as us coming together and working together, especially for our youth. It's an old saying, but they are our future. So, the more we can give them, the more resources we could show them that we have in Muncie, maybe some of those kids go to college and stay here and do some of the same things and keep Muncie growing and thriving like it is right now.

Brad asked if there were any questions for George and there were none. Brad stated he thinks this is great getting the kids involved and engaged them some a vested interest in the Parks. I know we've had a series of vandalism so hopefully this will give some of these kids, some ownership, and they can deter the other kids from doing these things. I guess another thing to call out as we have had continued vandalism in the Parks. I know some of you guys are already aware of it, but people, if you see something say something. Talk to the kids, call the police, call the non-emergency number, get out there and just try to get some ownership of these parks and hopefully, we can curb some of this pretty quick. George responded that we're meeting with Courtney from Southside and she's being great about working with us with the parks and trying to come up with solutions. And we're going to continue to try to try to come up with solutions because you know, the parks are about the kids and families and we don't want to take anything away from the parks. We want to continue to add to them. We just need people to say something if they see something going on in the Parks.

7. PRAIRIE CREEK REPORT – Dustin Clark

Dustin stated he was going to dive right in and then follow up with some events. The first thing that we're going to discuss is the addition of additional ADA parking. We have added with the help of the Street Department, Adam Leech and Donnie Wright, and Lee

and Warfel, and all their other crew, they have added a new road and new ADA van compliance parking spaces to the ADA pier at Northshore, and that is now striped. So, we're super excited about that. And that is open. We also took this opportunity to add ADA compliant parking to the new office building, the upper floor. So, the upper floor now has an ADA Compliant entrance both to their convenience store and to their restaurant. So that's something we're excited about. We are going to continue. So, we had some discussions, as we roll out the new phases of docks. We are going to work with Deaton's to add additional spaces on the piers for continued ADA throughout the park. So, originally we had planned on a North, a Central and a South and so now we're going to try to do it almost as we move along. So, we'll see ADA Compliant boat slips on the new piers as we start to move forward.

Brad stated, I know last time we talked, Dustin, you had maybe two ADA docks still available. He inquired if they had been claimed. Dustin stated they have all been claimed. So, we started off with zero when The Mayor took over. He paid for the first four himself. Now we have a total of ten which meets the state compliance. So now we're going to try to pass the state compliance and add additional spaces as we move throughout. We had mentioned in a season or so past that as we move towards this, the fishing pier that was out at North Shore Cove, will eventually be replaced with an ADA fishing pier. We're talking to Craig Wright, but that will probably be part of the 2024 budget. We had a great conversation and I hope he doesn't mind me mentioning his name, but Ken from the Whitely neighborhood came out and we had a wonderful conversation and he shared some insight. And so, we kind of planned on that, but now we're going to make it a reality. So, we're excited to kind of push that forward. So that's for the ADA.

We have started repairing and doing the maintenance to the entrances. So you'll see work crews out at the entrances. They were out at North Shore Campground today, repairing and replacing broken boards, painting, and cleaning those up. So you'll see that throughout the park. All the dumpsters are in. I know that there is consternation about that. Per the Park Board suggestion, we were going to try a phased approach and then we decided at the parks board meeting to do it all at once. The company we had originally contracted with failed to meet their obligations, almost from the get-go, we had to get legal involved, they missed three weeks of pickups, they missed their holiday pickup and it was a long drawn-out legal issue.

Thanks to Aubrey, it got resolved. We do have a new company and now things are going better. We are still working through this process. We are going to announce that we are going to. So we went from seven, eight yard dumpsters but only received partial 8 yard dumpsters. Some of those eights that we paid for like six and four yarders, to all eight yards and we moved that to 12 dumpsters.

And then for holiday weekends, we are going to basically double that and then we are going to pay for an additional pick up, just prior to or just after. Junior, will make the call to get them in here on Thursday or Friday, or nope, we're good till Monday. We've already reached out. So the new company is ECR Recycling and Jason, and the dumpsters are marked Best Way Disposal. So far they have bent over backwards, to make sure that the city is taken care of. We want to make sure that they are appreciated and thanked. So we want to, we want to thank them. They're helping us try to maintain that place and keep it looking nice. So, the dumpsters are in. We do have totes left, those totes are upon request for approved Park Board events. So if somebody comes to the Parks Board and has an event or a large gathering or something and they need additional totes, because maybe they do it one of the shelters or they do it far away from somewhere where they don't have easy access or immediate access to a dumpster. We want to be able to provide that. So we are going to keep some totes on hand but those will be for events. And then upon request.

Jim asked, if for Iron Man will there be extra trash dumpsters up there? Dustin replied yes and stated we will do the same contract that we did last year and then we will also work with MSD. So MSD actually also pulled a lot of their totes as well last year, if you remember and they moved to more of a recycling mentality and they put out recycling dumpsters and kind of boxes for that. And the blue bags, we will continue that contract that we did last year and that was highly successful. If we can take this opportunity, we are the only city in the United States to win three medals, two golds for our Iron Man. So we were recognized nationally for how well, we did that. So we are going to do that same contract again this year. So, we'll work with MSD, will work with Iron Man foundation, and we'll work with the team of volunteers to, to keep that up. But long of the short is, every holiday that we need to, we're basically going to add additional dumpsters and then if needed will going to do an extra dump before and/or after. Shannon asked, what is the schedule for holiday weekend pickups? Dustin replied, it'll either be just before or just after. And Junior will make that call. The regular dumps, I think they're doing them on Wednesdays, but holidays, don't fall on a particular Wednesday. So we may need to ask for a dump to either be pushed back or pushed forward or add an additional dump if there's too big of a window. Shannon inquired, so currently there's one pick up a week and 12 dumpsters. Dustin, replied that's correct. Shannon asked, that are 12 yard or will be eight yards. Dustin confirmed that was correct.

Shannon inquired if he felt it was sufficient? Dustin replied, we're going to try. Shannon asked, if for the current Park needs is that sufficient? Dustin stated, we're sure going to try. So we had some that were very full this week, but we also had seven that were nearly empty and one that was empty. So, do we need to maybe move some around? Do we need to adjust some locations, or put a third one in a place where we only have two, and then take one away from somewhere else, maybe! So, we'll continue that process until

we get it figured out. Shannon inquired, who moves them? Dustin responded, the company. They're the only ones with the equipment, that's specialized equipment.

Dustin announced, they now have an after hours call number. One of the things that has been mentioned is availability to get ahold of somebody. So we do have an after-hours call line. So if you guys want to call the main office line, after hours, you can call it and it rings into a call center, they have our list of prices. They have help questions, they have frequently asked questions and then they can get us a message after hours and then we can respond as soon as we get the message. James asked if that's the 747-4872. Dustin replied, that's it, the main office line. Nobody has to remember a different number. You still call the office. It just rings to a different phone number after hours. And that call center takes over. We are excited about that.

We are adding mulch to the playgrounds so you'll see mulch being dropped off and that's going to be kind of an update to the playgrounds. We want to keep up with those. In years past we'd gone long stretches and then that's hard to recover from. It takes a lot more. So if we can just do a couple inches. So I think we're going to do a three inch top to each one, and then if we do another three inch top next year. And then just kind of keep it on a cycle, that'll be better than us trying to get two semi loads at one time. So I'm trying to try to keep things manageable, but budget for things annually.

We do still want to remind people that we do have a free beach. So it is zero cost to go to the same beach that you had always gone to. And we are adding additional sand so you'll get more plush sand to lay out on and relax on. The concession stand is still open. We still have beach attendants. Those beach attendants are certified lifeguards. They are not lifeguarding the water. They are beach attendants in case of emergency and are there to help, and that's what the facility was some time ago. That's how it was so we just put it back that way. That is a free facility that I do want to remind people. Get out and use that. That was a barrier to some and that barriers been removed. So I'd like to see some people get out and really enjoy that.

That brings me to Teen Works. So we have started our Teen Works program. This will be our fourth year with them. Shout out to Carrie whistle. She has done an amazing job. She's again provided us with a group of great young people. They have already started and the first thing that we're focusing on is trail cleanup and park cleanup. So we have eleven young individuals and we have them four days a week so we're excited about that. And a big shout out to the Teen Works program and Carrie.

The gate company has returned. We want to thank them as well. They were able to get a lot of work done in a short amount of time. They are waiting for a box was struck and that box is savable, but one of the boards inside is not. They are turning that into their insurance and then they're going to try to get us another interior control board. They hope to have it in about a week and they said that they will put us at the top of the list.

So we expect those gates to be functionable shortly. Now, the implementation of that is probably going to come later. Because we'll need to get word out to campers and dock holders that will be affected by those gates. Not every dock Holder will be affected by those Gates. Only the docks and camp holders behind North Shore and then down by the beach. Everybody else, you just come do your business as usual. The ones that are behind those particular areas, we need appropriate amount of times to contact them, get them their key fobs, help educate them. Make sure that they know how to use it, make sure that everything goes well. So we are planning on probably a mid-August launch to that and that's kind of where we're headed with the gates.

Shannon inquired how many gates are going to be installed. Dustin stated there's North Shore and then there's Windsurf. Those are the two areas where the gates are going. And it's the same ones that we've had, they're just getting ready to be turned on.

Brad clarified it's actually three gates, right? Dustin stated there's an entrance and exit on the North Shore. And then on the exit gate, if you come in by the security shack, (that's the proper entrance) and then it's a single loop around. If you go to exit, nothing prevents you from exiting, you will always be able to exit. Nobody will ever be trapped inside, having to drive around in circles and wait on somebody to let them out. Also Police, Fire, EMS, they have a squawk system. The squawk system is already installed and has already been tested, so any ambulance, fire truck, police patrol car can come up, hit their button and it will automatically open that gate. So police and fire can always get in and anybody can always get out. And as a reminder, it was brought up at the parks board meeting and we discussed it. We are open to the opportunity to leave these open during daylight hours and then close them after hours when it should be secured. We are working through this system. We believe it'll create additional security. Security is at the top of everybody's mind. So we still believe in the gates. We can always adjust those times later, if everybody chooses to change those. But if not, we are still planning to leave them open during daylight hours and then close in the evening until we get direction to alter those times.

Shannon asked, has anyone from the community expressed an opinion, either way? Dustin replied they've received many opinions from either side. So there are some that would like windsurf to be closed all the time and there are some that would like the campground to be open all the time. All of those are kind of up for debate. But the last we left it as an agreement, to not close them until the park closes, and then if the park closes, then those gates should be closed. So, a lot of people are like well how will I get to my boat? Are you going out after 11:00? Most say no, so there won't be an issue. And again, this only affects the people at North Shore, Campground and at Windsurf.

James inquired, what will the people get? Will they get cards? Dustin replied they will get fobs. It looks something like this (pulls out his black work fob). When I say

something like, I mean, identical to, and it's the same fob system that we use here at the city. It works for police. It works for fire. It works for anybody who comes in and out of these buildings. They get tossed around in every police car. They get stepped on by every firefighter. James asked if each site will get two and Dustin replied, yes. Brad inquired, if the fobs are water resistant or there rating? Dustin replied he didn't know off the top of his head but could find out. Brad stated we should find out especially if they're going in people's boats at least. So if we need to make them aware to try to keep them dry or yeah, they're fine. Or whatever the direction is there from the vendor. Dustin stated they can look that up.

Moving on from gates. New signage has been installed around the park. So you'll start to see the rules. Probably the most prominent rules. We elected not to list every rule that's on that multi-page list of rules. That would be tiny font and it would be difficult to read. And it would be like your iPhone agreement at that point. Nobody's actually going to read the rules. So we picked out some of the strongest rules. We put those on there and then there's a QR code at the bottom. You can snap that QR code and get a full list of Ordinance 95, 17 D and then that can also take you to the parks page from there and then you can list any rule. There's also the No Mow signs in the prairie. The Prairie restoration signs are starting to go up. So you'll see those in a couple places and if I can have a second to talk about those. So our park is roughly 2,200 acres. The land is over 770 acres. We are looking to hopefully one day, put one percent into prairie restoration, so this isn't an excessive amount of land. This is one percent of the land we are trying to return to nature, which helps with pollinators, helps with bees, helps with migratory birds. And once it's established, not right away, but once it's established, those fields are gorgeous. They have beautiful blooms, they have great fall colors. They have great spring colors. It takes them a cycle or two to really get going and sometimes it takes them a burn cycle. So I would suspect in future years, you are going to hear us announce that we are working with the DNR to do a controlled burn. We burn in quarter acre sections. These sections are not next to anybody's camper. These sections are not next to anybody's boat. These sections are between the road and a service area. These are the areas that we are trying. So that's what we want to do eventually. So eventually these things will be beautiful but it does take some time to get established but those signs are going up.

Currently some of our seasonal staff has now started. So we have long been down a couple employees. We are now hiring for our full-time labor position. So we have started interviews for that. We will continue through the week to do interviews for that and then hopefully we'll bring somebody on board here soon. That position has been vacant for quite a while, for several months. So we'd like to see that get filled again. So, we've been working with HR on that.

That is a great segue into another hire. So we are happy to announce that through work with several law enforcement agencies that we now have a law enforcement officer. They do carry a sidearm. They do carry a badge, they are a law enforcement officer from the Albany Police Department and they have already started their first runs. They will be there during peak times, so Thursday nights, Friday nights. And then the other peak time that we're aiming for is Saturday afternoon and into the Saturday evening time. With that, we also have brought on our last seasonal employee. So, we now have seven day a week coverage with our in-house security. And then we have three day a week coverage, we are heading towards three-day a week coverage with law enforcement. Chief Sloan and the Muncie PD have still been very generous and they send out officers when they can during the daytime through the week. But now we will have a dedicated patrol officer at nights and weekends and heavy time. So, we are excited about and that will probably run from Labor Day to Memorial Day. So through the end of basically the hot part of the season.

We are getting ready, a short while ago we completed an upgrade. So over the last several seasons we've been doing stuff with the shower house at North Shore. So now we have replaced the sinks, the faucets, a lot of that stuff. The countertops, the mirrors, added new lights. Now we just redid the floors and now we are getting ready to start an exterior clean up and painting of that shower house. So that's going to be starting soon and then that brings me to two things, which will lead into events.

Ron Bonham Days is our next big event that's coming up. That is July the 1st. We will have a concert with Cook and Belle. Thank you to the Parks Department for making sure that we have a stage and bleachers. They've been very gracious and then we will also have bounce houses horse rides. We are at approximately six food trucks. And then as always, we will host the firework show that the city does. So, you'll see that as well. So that is probably the next biggest event in honor of Ron Bonham and his time out there, which leads us to what I would like to bring up.

Now, if it's okay, we're going to ask for the Park Board's permission to give a favorable recommendation. We would like to honor the Cook family. So, lots of times, we refer to him as Junior. His name is Eldon. His father worked out there approximately 24 years. His mother worked out there another 11. Junior has a total of 30 years more of service. That's 75 years of dedication to Prairie Creek. And in honor of that, we would like to ask the Park Board's permission to get a favorable recommendation to go before the City Council and put a resolution forward to have the education center, not the building, not the office, not the park, but the education center reading room to be named and dedicated as the Cook Family Education Center. We hope to eventually have a small ceremony and plaque stating that on this day we would like to honor the Cook family for more than 75 years of dedicated service, development and stewardship to this park may their legacy inspire the community and children for generations to come. I could stand

here and talk all day about what that man and his family have done to keep that place together. It's nothing short of a miracle of what he has done at times repairing repairs that have been repaired and his knowledge, his family history, his dedication. There's barely a week that goes by that he doesn't go above and beyond. I've known him a short 3 to 4 years and the man is amazing. And I would like to ask the Parks Board for their approval to submit a resolution to City Council, because they have a rule about naming that they get the last approval. So, I would open it up for questions and for discussion, but we would sure like to see that family honored for their years of service. We had hoped to do this in the past and recently he had a loss in the family. It was one of these members and we would have liked to have done this when all of his family could have been there. But we would like to not miss another opportunity. So we'd like to put that forward to you for discussion.

Brad asked if there were any questions regarding the dedication of the education center and asked Dustin if he could share some details about the education center, a target timeline and what you're doing there. Dustin stated the education center has been paid for with grants donations. Zero Park dollars have gone toward it thus far. Eventually I'm sure we'll have to buy something but at this point, we've been able to secure funding from MSD, foundations, grants, ADM Custom Creations, Scooter Aquatics has done some donations. It will have a historic timeline and unlike other education centers, our timeline is completely modular. Meaning, that every time a school group comes out, they will see basically a new timeline. So, when it's Latin American Appreciation month, we can highlight on the timeline. So the timeline is fixed time, it doesn't change unless you believe in string theory but that's a whole other topic. So, above and below the timeline there are shadow boxes and inside every shadow box are photographs and detailed history reports. We've been working with both PBS and Ball State Education Center to produce these boxes. There will be approximately 30 boxes and they will go through the span of time from the early 1600s through the Edina Hopewell, the Native Americans through our early history of statehood through early Muncie history when we were the Magic City, when we were the Boomtown, the gas, the Ball family all the way up to modern day. And then six months later we can pull a third of the boxes off the wall and highlight a different history or a different notation in time. And then so every time a school route comes out, they will see a different timeline. Along with that, it is both indoor and outdoor. There are outdoor facilities. There are outdoor games and activities that help educate and highlight what a nature center should be. There's a mammalian center. There's a bird area. There's a reptile area, there's a turtle tank, a live turtle tank, that's thanks to MSD. So I want to give a big shout-out to the Muncie Sanitary District. They saw a place where this would fit with their education, so please let's thank them. We have a live fish tank and when I say a fish tank, think a small version of Cabela's. So this thing will be approximately four and a half feet tall and span 6 to 8 feet wide. So it's longer than I can stretch my arms and when it's on its base, it is taller than I am tall. It

fills an entire wall. We have the 50 trees of Indiana. We have pelts that you can touch. We have centers for pollinators and milkweed and the butterfly studies. It is quite extensive and it goes through several different phases of geology, ecology, history and biology.

Brad inquired about the target completion date of the education center. Dustin stated they hope to have a soft opening mid-July. So, our goal is to get this in front of City Council by their July 3rd meeting and because it's a resolution, assuming everything goes, well, they should be able to approve that and then we could move forward with a mid-July soft opening.

Chandra inquired if this be a progression type of setting? Like will they switch out species, will you add to it later on? Dustin replied there are already some education areas that educate on the White River. This will be specifically about the reservoir. So you'll see the fish species that are in the reservoir. We've worked with ADM Custom Creations. All of their displays are in themselves modular. So, after a year or a season or two, we could switch out the Aviary display and add a different display and highlight one particular, species, and just do the herons, or the cranes, or the hawks, or the raptors, and then a year or two later, they develop their stuff with the same material, that's the fathead material which is the vinyl that you can put up on your walls and you can put it on and take it off, but it's a process. So we could change that whole setting, that whole Corner out to a new display, to develop a new education on a particular species or type of habitat or something. One thing the Mayor talked about is that this needs to be, we all used to go to field trips all the time and it's difficult for high schools and middle schools and Homeschool kids to go on stuff. It's expensive. There's travel time. There's all kinds of stuff. There's controversy. This is nature. This is history and it's free. It's free to the public. It's inside. It's inside our County. It's a Muncie City Park. We plan to provide I'm going to call them backpacks, for lack of a better term, but a packet for teachers. Those teachers will be able to come in, get a packet, distribute it to their kids and it'll be set for their grade. Then those kids can go throughout the education center, self-learn and come back to the conference room, watch a video presentation. So PBS is going to produce a small Series. So, actual PBS like with Burt and Ernie. They are on board and we've met with them. And they're going to be producing a small series. They'll watch that they'll watch that program. They'll answer some of their questions, they'll get a free use of a shelter and then they'll get a free half day at the beach. And then they'll still be able to get back by the end of the day. So it's a win-win. It's good for teachers. It allows kids to get out. We need more young people to get out and explore nature and, you know, see what it is to be outside. So we're excited about this.

Mark made a motion to accept the recommendation to name the education facility to honor the Cook family.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Dustin presented event requests and stated they are in no particular order.

Dale Dryer Memorial Concert - Steve Ogle is requesting the use of the beach lawn. This is for September the 3rd. They are doing a concert for his brother Dale, they expect about 150 people. They do have three off-duty officers, they have not identified, whether they will do food, they will be reaching out to city parks for a set of bleachers and a stage. And the name of it is the Dale Dryer Memorial concert. And I believe that this is not the first time they've done that and I think this has been approved and gone well in the past.

Hi, I'm Troy Ingram. I camp and boat out of the Prairie Creek Reservoir. This memorial concert we put on for the last four years. We haven't had any issues out there. We provide our own security. I wasn't aware of the rule for the trash cans. So if we could add some trash cans for that, I would appreciate that if we do get the approval. It's free to the public. Everybody's welcome to come. The headliner is The Why Store, which is a local, well-known band around Indy and Muncie. So like I said, it's free to the public. Everybody's welcome. We do have security. We will not be having any food vendors or any other kind of vendors. So it's just the band and the concert.

Chandra asked if he was smoking something for the event. Troy stated people will bring their own food and like, I'll bring my barbecue down there and we'll cook for, you know, the family and stuff that we have coming to the concert. Bill Dryer used to work for Muncie Public Schools. He was very pivotal in the community. He worked to help bring the bands out for the Ron Bonham days back when Ron Bonham was actually doing the Ron Bonham days. He's mowed Muncie Central's field back when it used to be grass and he's just taking a lot of Pride in the city and things that he's been involved with. It is unfortunate that we lost him around seven years ago. So we just, you know, we want to keep his memory alive and just something we do to memorialize our friend.

Brad clarified that's September 3rd and inquired about the time. Troy stated from noon to 11 p.m. And then, also, the next morning we come back down and clean up anything that shouldn't be left there. We've always tried to leave it exactly how we came into the place.

Brad inquired if there were any questions. If not, he would entertain a motion for approval motion to approve.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Bass Lafayette and J Lewis Tournament. It is a catch-and-release tournament, it is for July the 9th. It is bass only and it runs from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brad inquired if they had the event out there before and Dustin stated he I assume so but he gets some of these confused so he can't tell how many bass tournaments we have. Brad asked if we have had any issues with any of the bass tournaments and Dustin replied they have not.

Brad asked if there were any questions regarding Bass Lafayette Tournament. There were none, so he stated he would entertain a motion for approval.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Crossroads Walleye Tournament and this is for May the 7th. This is a walleye tournament. This is from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., that's a Sunday. They expect approximately 30 people. This will be the Crossroads Walleye Trail. They do not have any food vendors. They do not need any security. They do not need any additional materials.

Shannon inquired about the date and they inquired if it was for 2024. Dustin stated he would have to look into that.

JAR Community Church would like to have a baptism celebration from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on August 20th, they expect 150 to 200 people at their baptism. They will need access to restrooms and they would like to have the beach attendants available. If this gets approved will work with them, we would not unless they do it during open times, we would have them just pay the guards directly and that would be up to the guards to come in on their day off. They would also like to request trash cans and we would be amenable to that.

Brad asked if there were any questions regarding their JAR Community Baptism event. Jim interjected that he attends JAR and we always have certified lifeguards there. We have doctors and nurses that always attend this baptism also and then we always have security everywhere we go. Brad asked if there were any other questions or comments, and if not, he would entertain a motion for approval.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Sweet Liberty Ranch and Rescue - This is for September 2nd, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the trail side with a silent auction. The location is the horse trails. They do not know how many to expect. They do not plan to have food and they are not asking for any additional amenities or park services.

Brad asked if there were any questions regarding the Sweet Liberty Trails event. He added to make sure that they understand what trails are horse friendly as I know we've got some multi-use trails and other areas that the horses are not permitted on. Brad asked if there were any other questions, and if not, he would entertain a motion for approval.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

Dustin inquired if there were any questions from the board for him?

Shannon asked about the floating piers and the gates on those new floating piers. Is there anything new with those? Dustin stated they have reached out to somebody who has some welding skills, and after the Fourth of July weekend we're going to develop basically a prototype to put up and make sure that it functions and then we will move forward from there. We're going to see if we can make something happen and let's get some materials. Our goal is to basically emulate what the Sailing Club has had for approximately the last eight years. So it will look very similar to theirs. We hope that ours can be developed with a frame and then that frame would have a Push button instead of a padlock. So that's the alteration that we would like to make to theirs.

Shannon said so we're just waiting to see, we're getting some quotes and see if we can. Brad interjected it sounds like you guys are going to try to get a welder to build one and then we'll quote out for the remainder of them. Dustin replied, we need to get something worked out first and then from there, once we get it worked out then we can quote out, bid out or build out the rest ourselves. Brad asked, so there's not a standard option per se, it's all custom at that point and Dustin agreed. Shannon asked if they have a pier selected that you're going to build this one on and Dustin replied they don't and asked if she had a suggestion and she said she didn't.

James asked, what do they do if on the floating piers somebody needs a cleat relocated? Dustin stated they just put in a work order. James asked if there was a charge for that and Dustin replied there was no charge for that but if they want an additional cleat there is a fee for that. He added they have had quite a few people, we are on our fifth delivery of additional poly poles, cleats, the walking lights, the bumpers are starting to be ordered and used. Juniors been putting on some of those. So we are seeing kind of a strong uptick in those accessories. As it comes to bumpers, we don't require that you use our bumper. A bumper from Walmart works just as good. It's nice to have ours because it buys you a couple extra inches. You can still use the same bumpers that you've always had just adjust the length of your rope to make sure that it hits in the right place. The other items, part of the reason that we are doing the system that we have is because once those holes become unusable, if you over torque them or don't install something

properly, then that whole cube, that whole floating square becomes non usable. So that's why we are going to continue to do cleat moving and/or additions through our staff.

Brad asked if there were any other questions for Dustin? James asked about phase 3 and 4 the dock installation, what spacing did we use for the spacing between this slip to this slip for two boats to fit in there? Dustin replied, that's the standard size. So that's what you're going to find at other reservoirs. And that's also what you're going to find that's what's been at our own reservoir for the past decade or more.

So anybody that's been on the flotation Pier, that's the same spacing that they have had. So that's the 19.6 and that's the same spacing that we've had. That's the same spacing that Salamonie has, not to throw Ronnie under the bus because I love him. He's an amazing man, but Ronnie at Salamonie, they're still putting in their docks. So, but with that being said, that's the same spacing at all of these places, that's the standard. Brad asked, when he referenced the old floating docks you're talking about the ones that are behind the old bait house. Dustin replied, Yep. The old bait house, the Old Lighthouse bait shop that floating system is the same one we've had, no alterations have been made to it and that's 19.6 for that. So it's been fine for a long time.

James asked if there was an option to go a little bigger because boats are getting bigger. Dustin replied, if money was no object, he's sure that could be accomplished. But without going into a long sit down and a heavy discussion of how we would pay for things because it's an expensive endeavor. He stated he wasn't saying that it couldn't be, that's just not in the plans right now.

Brad asked if there were any more questions for Dustin from the Board. There were none.

FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE CREEK RESPONSE – Brad stated he had a few things to say before bring them up here, but I've got a couple lists for them that they can use to follow along as well. He started by reading the first page to talk about some general Park items. And then the second page is a response to Friends of Prairie Creek. They have their meetings regularly out there. Friends of Prairie Creek, they've been doing a lot of work and they had some questions and concerns at the last meeting. He and Dustin went through and worked up a response to some of those. He passed out copies to the Board and Nikki for their records.

The first clarification, not only just for Prairie Creek, but the parks in general, is that the Parks Board is oversight and visioning for the park system and this group doesn't run the daily operations. We're all volunteers up here. No compensation and no favors for the service that we do for the Parks Department. Dustin talked about it a little bit already. We are short staffed out there at Prairie Creek. We're missing a full-time laborer, a part-time labor and our operations manager has announced his last day, so we

all have a vacancy there. Certainly if there's somebody that's passionate about the parks looking for a job, we would love to have somebody there that's passionate about it, involved and wants to be part of that community.

We talked about it a little bit earlier in regards to the general Parks. If you see something, say something. Facebook is great place for sharing information, but we really need to engage the police and the proper authorities for events or issues that are going on. 911, obviously if it's an emergency. The other one that a lot of people aren't aware of is there is a non-emergency number that you can contact dispatch if there's something suspicious or something going on that you just want them to check out. The non-emergency number is (765) 747-4838. Had a note here that encourage the campers and everybody that's out there to shut off electrical items and AC units when they're not using them. The park pays for electric. So any funds we put into the electric bill is funds that aren't being used somewhere else in the park. Dustin talked about the free beach a little bit. How that was designed to increase accessibility and eliminate the financial hurdle. And then Dustin mentioned the main office number is that (765) 747-4872. And then after hours that goes to the 24-hour answering service. There is a security number as well. That security number is not for maintenance calls, not for work orders, not for questions about pricing, not for questions about reservations. It is a security number that goes to staff security. And that number is (765) 212-5574. So those are some general comments I wanted to get out to make everybody aware of and then I'll lead directly into the response to the Friends of Prairie Creek May request.

I'm just going to go through the list. The board had that list last month. I've reviewed it, most of the Friends of Prairie Creek had that list. Once I get through the list then I'll open it up to questions from the Friends of Prairie Creek representative. So the gates we talked about are near completion. Work is being done as recently as this week. They'll be a new electrical board at the main gate. We're reviewing the plan for implementation. The goal there, these are all kind of tentative, but we're goal is to have two fobs per campsite or dock. We're looking at an August 1st distribution date. With an August 15th date to have those gates active. They will only be closed at night. The park closes at 11 p.m. at opens at 5:00 a.m., so that would be the initial target. Those can be adjusted as we see need or there's request but that's the initial vision there.

We talked about the office after hour number. So again, the main office number is (765) 747-4872. There is a 24-hour call center. Now that will answer basic frequently asked questions and then will relay messages to the park staff on the next business day. Obviously, in a case of emergency call 911. The security cell phone number is (765) 212-5774. Again, that's only for security. Not maintenance, not cleaning, not general questions, not reservations.

Kids on golf carts was a question per the rules that were adopted, golf cart operators must have a valid driver's license.

The mowing the team continues to be working on the mowing. Some areas have been designated as prairie restoration. Dustin mention that signs are being installed. And the one area that was in question is what I would call the old mid park playground. So there was a park on the east side of the lake that was midway north to south and that playground was non-compliant. It was a safety concern and that area is one that's been targeted for prairie restoration.

Logs and debris continue to be cleaned up by staff. There will be a large map at the office that's under development. There's a plan to have a map at the entrance of the campground that's under design. And we're uploading the updated map to the website. Trash is dumpsters only now. Additional dumpsters will be on site for holidays. We're still working through the best locations for these sites. Some were very full and some were empty. So we're reallocating those dumpsters based on need and demand. No totes. They will be available for request for approved special events. We talked about that tonight as well. The online reservation system. We did have some growing pains there and that continues to improve with the work of the office staff there. Some of the confirmations we're seeing are going to junk or spam boxes. So, if you do reserve a site, make sure to check your junk or spam box. The floating docks. We just mentioned the spacing does match that of the old floating pier system, that's the 19.6. Additional cleats are available. Dock compatible fenders are available. Prices have been published both online and in the office and been shared by several of the groups.

Gates for the docks are under review. Hope to have one of those here still this summer and then those would go out for quote for the rest of the project. Numbers to the docks and signage has been added. Docks target still to be in a three or four phase installation. Old docks are being salvaged for repair of the remaining wood docks that are still in use. And we mentioned, do not move the items that are attached to the docks. That's for the Integrity of the docks to make sure that they stay intact. Work orders, need to be submitted to the office. The tubing area is detailed in the rules. We're looking at additional buoys for idle zones, obstructions and tubing. That will be purchased and installed by the park but we're leaning on the DNR for guidance, recommendations and regulations there.

The phone system, we're still working on getting that updated and tuned in. Dustin was late tonight because we forgot to turn on the answering system. So he went back out and made sure that was active this evening. Again, the main office number is (765) 747-4872 and the security number is (765) 212-5574.

Map signs are under development as we mentioned. Signs with rules and links to the full set of rules have been posted. I think there's a few more still to come. This week the

maintenance area was a topic of concern. That area has been cleaned up. It will be secured with a gate as that is not a public access area. That is the maintenance area for Prairie Creek staff. We do have cameras up, signs are being posted. And it is a no dumping area. We had a plethora of debris that wasn't Prairie Creek related that was out there. The note for some of the dock holders that may question that is the new access to those docks that are south of the ramp will no longer go through the maintenance area. You will continue past the ramp house and there's a drive that will take you south to those docks. So that'll be the new access. The maintenance area is not open to the public. No dumping specifically at that site, but no dumping anywhere on Prairie Creek property. I think that covers most, if not all that were on the list from Friends of Prairie Creek. I know we've got a group here tonight and if they got a representative or a few individuals that want to talk or ask additional questions, we can try to get those answered. A

My name is Tyle Milligan. I do have a camp out there, as well as boating been out there several years. I'm just going to start out by saying this is the communication that I feel like we've all been seeking. I speak for a number of us out there that it feels like we have had to be on the mountaintop to be heard. You know, the things that we brought up that you guys had the issues. I mean, we're talking the basics. I don't feel like anyone out there is expecting miracles to be made. We know that things take time. We know the things take budgets. Takes money, this and that, but all of this roots back to a list that was submitted back on May 12. And a lot of these concerns that are on this list that we are addressing today, which is the 20th of June were stemming from even when the park opens. I get it. Everything can't be done all in one day. I mean that's a huge Park. So, kudos to the staff for taking care of it in the way that they do. We're just concerned that the Prairie growing back to the Prairie. I think that's great, but I think instead of us feeling like we're being force-fed, these changes, we have to be able to open this up to open communication. It was said that people who camp out there are passionate. I am. I've had some very pointed conversations with some of the board and, you know, I've reached out to Dustin a few times and I've been up here before, it comes back to communication. I can tell you, myself personally, I've never seen our Superintendent at the park on a weekend now that's hit to his defense, but his constituents, his people are out there a majority of the time in the evenings and weekends. I drove, well, I left Indianapolis at 3:30 and I got here at 6:00 to get here, right? So, you know, that's what I feel. Like we are all lacking in this conversation.

The docks, we all feel that that was all done behind closed doors to your point. At 19.6, I'm sure that two pontooners would go let's have a conversation before and in the developmental stages rather than having all of their reactive communication which then becomes negative. Which then becomes us against them. You know, the park is beautiful, it's absolutely stunning. The direction that it's going, may not jive with everybody. You know, you can't keep everybody happy. But the majority of the money

out there is raised by the campers and the boaters. Why can't we have a legitimate say in it? Okay, and I think we are all trying to grab straws at how do we have that voice without being the enemy? Be quite honest with you, I was a little bit nervous by getting up here tonight. You know, I kind of got one of those names and nobody knows but nobody ever forgets. I don't want to be kicked out. That's not what anyone there wants. Being approachable, being able to communicate going outside of your comfort level to get to the level of the people that you're dealing with, that's what public service is all about. And we don't feel like we're getting it. This list was just given them to me tonight, so out of respect for everyone else in my group, I would like to be able to take this list back. We can have our meeting as we have it, we can go through it and then we can have a rebuttal as far as what we are seeing. If we need to do that, to be on the agenda and be here, that's some guidance and maybe some of us don't have. How do how do we navigate the system that you want us to use? The work orders, you know, there's a lot of people who aren't on Facebook. A lot of people I will tell you that we got a little flyer cost, 60 cents to send out a piece of paper and envelope. Whatever that costs to print it, to send it out to everyone. That was there. It's a nice gesture, right? But I mean, I waited almost two and a half three weeks to get my additional golf cart pass that I got to pay another hundred dollars for. Some of the things as far as the dock goes, I'm all about giving kudos and giving the props, okay? They look nice. I will say that myself and my pier buddy, have come to an understanding, that we are tying our boats as we should. There are pontoons that are rubbing the dock as we speak. That's destroying our cubes, blocks or legos, whatever. It's also damaging boats. You know you should go out and watch one evening and see how some people come in and out and then you would be nervous to say, who is my pier buddy?

So whenever we're asking for an extra few inches as Dustin mentioned with using your bumpers, it gives us a couple more inches. That two inches is huge. Two inches here and two inches there, that's four inches in between our boats. Some of us has figured out how to do that, to keep it from rubbing, to keep it off the other person's boat, but we can't control the other person, right? Security is on the top of everyone's concerns seeing the gates, okay? The new the new poles, they look impressive. The one must be 30 foot tall, I don't so you know, so all of that remains to be seen how we can work through that. But this stuff of this is what we're doing and this is what we're doing. You know, that we're out there, helping foot the bill for the Ironman. We're out their footing the bill. We're out there picking up trash. We're doing our part. Paying our part to run the park that does not get tax dollars. Correct? Okay, so where's the money being generated? It's being generated by those of us who are following the rules and paying our bills and trying to keep our stuff nice. Is it up to me to police my own dock to go out and say hey do you have a dock here? No, it's not. I asked with the high grass in the trash. We have a leased piece of property. Could an apartment complex in downtown right here, get away with some of the issues that we've been dealing with. Probably not. Nobody needs all

this blown up into all of this because I tell you, I feel that when you drive around that campground and you talk to people, it's us against them. I mean, I tried to talk to Junior one day, and he was like, Hey, you know. I said, Junior, listen, buddy, I'm not the enemy here. I mean I'm just trying to figure it out like you are. So what I am proposing for us as the group, is that we take your answers, along with our concerns, we're going to have another meeting. Then I feel that moving forward, as things are developing and whatnot. We need a voice in this meeting, okay? I feel like some things are being heard but as we stated on here May 12th is the date of this letter, we're just now getting some of the answers and it's June. 20th. So this was kind of a last-minute thing, we had some things moving around and whatnot. I do believe and I would speak for everyone else. I'm not even going to look around, we all love the place. We all love the direction that it's going. I feel that everyone here, Mr. Clark included, is shooting at the same target but the targets this big. Right let's get the bullseye down on Prairie Creek, in our world. Now, to respect to all of you, the ones that I have reached out to have been spot-on, okay? And to be honest with you I've gotten a lot more response in that direction than the other. Now is it for me to instigate or to initiate that that communication part of that is my ownership as well. Inform us, communicate to us, be approachable, answer the phone. You know, I can tell you, I've been at the boat dock and the phone's off the hook. I've seen it. Okay, well, I can't get through to the boat dock. That's busy. I was on the phone. Is that what we're doing at the office? I can't drive up here to try and catch someone. I'll refrain from my personal comments because I've seen a lot. Okay. And this is not a place to sling mud. This is not a place to create animosity. I feel so in my heart that we can all come together but you're going to have to have someone who can communicate. And not delegate. You can delegate to your people, all you want, whenever it comes to the people that are your constituents that the public is here. You need to listen to us. And we need to have a voice at that table.

Now, we need direction from the board from Mr. Clark, from the Parks, do we need to be our own entity, our own nonprofit, our own all of this in order to be heard. No. We shouldn't need that and I'm going to go back to it again. It's the basics that were asking for. It's the basics trash. I smelled trash. You know what I mean? And yes, I get it, things happen, right? But you know you guys got to be a little bit more quicker and problem solving and you know, be on the fly, you know. Junior works hard, I saw him out there at 10:00 a.m. on Father's Day. You're cutting the grass in the middle of the campground. Really, 10 a.m. on Father's day one day out of the whole year that I have particular get to sleep in and I get woke up by a by a mowing at Sunday at ten a.m. and it's not the first time it's happened. Come on. Now we can all do better than that. I want to extend our group everyone that is here is going to be passionate and what they say, listen to us, you can't do everything. You can't make us all happy, but at least let us have as a voice at the table and not at the card table, like at Thanksgiving. So I will close in my proposal of this, next month I would like friends of Prairie Creek to be on the

agenda. I would like to be able to systematically go through these. At that time we regroup as a group you hear our side, you hear Mr. Clark's side and the Park side. Because the two don't always gel right in the middle. And that's our biggest concern. We're open. We're here. Everybody doesn't have Facebook. That's not even fair for the parks or the board or whoever to say, well that's our primary way and I've been trying to stifle some of that negativity myself. Do you want a packed house in here of upset people? No, all we gotta do is take care of the basics before we get there. That eliminates everybody coming in here upset. We can adapt to change but don't force feed us. Fair enough? I think that's, you know, I don't think that anything that we are asking is extreme. It's all just basic. So that's where I want to go. I don't want to get into the weeds with this because I feel that, you know, we need to be as respectful of time of everybody on the board. We need to have our ducks in a line. So whenever we come, we say see, this is what we find. You guys can rebuttal with what you find. Then, let's come back to a solution. Excellent. Fair enough.

Brad stated he thinks they have a meeting scheduled on July 7th. So I guess to talk about the timeline a little bit. So, you are correct the notes on your meeting where from the 12th. We received them prior to our last board meeting. So same deal. We hadn't had time to review. At that meeting I committed to having answers by this meeting. So we met that commitment there and all along that time, our staff and our team and Dustin is probably about the block my number because I call them probably every other day with something. Tyle asked if he could have Dustin's number and Brad stated he will not give out personal emails and numbers. If he wants to give it, he's more than welcome, but I will not do that. So I have responded to other emails that way as well. Dustin stated he has provided his personal cell phone to Jackie since the formation. She has that and she can get a hold of me anytime. I will make a commitment, if I can get an invitation, I will attend their meeting and answer questions on the 7th or I will answer. Tyle stated he had a standing invitation any time, at any one of our meetings and I'll tell you Mr. Clark, it would do miracles if you can be there because at first you're going to hear the heat, right? I mean it is what it is. But, you know, you have to be able to get with us. You know. Dustin stated they can talk after but I'll accept your offer and we'll meet on the 7th. Brad confirmed it is the 7th at 7 p.m. Friday night in the metal building. Tyle added he would venture to say this, as you have you Brad, you have been at our meetings. I mean, we can table a lot of this stuff and take a lot of this heat out of these meetings and how everybody is feeling at that level. But everybody on our end needs to be nice and everybody on that end needs to be nice, right? But it's going to take a couple sticky meetings for us to get through this. This to you know, start forming the trust in the communication line back open that. It's not close but it's just not there. Brad stated he thinks building a list like this was, was the first step. It was a clear questions and concise, what you were looking for and probably could have responded quicker. But we met when were presented last meeting and had answers for you. Wished I could have

got it to you earlier, but Dustin and I were reviewing. I skipped lunch today and called Dustin and we reviewed some of these answers today. Tyle responded late is better than never.

Brad asked if there were any other comments from the Friends of Prairie Creek Group? Any comments discussion from the board?

Shannon stated she just thinks overall, we need to do a better job of communicating with one another and have some set lines of communication for information delivery. I know Miss Meadows is going to speak today about her situation with our dock. But just some established methods of communication. Where we going to go? Are we going to do paper mailings anymore? Is everything going to be electronic? Just so that people are clear. That would be helpful. And I think we just need to do a better job of communicating. I know we've talked about a newsletter. Something quarterly, a lot of park systems do that around the country where they have newsletters, or what are we working on. Community input is really important and having days setup in that newsletter to show when people are getting together to talk about things. I think we could do a better job as a whole and maybe that's something that the Board needs to do. Because all of the people that work for the city are extremely busy people and so just adding that on that layers is probably too much. That would help the community be more involved and also more aware of what we're doing. And just like with our strategic plan that we embarked on two and a half years ago and any sort of grant that we write that's a big project grant there has to be that community involvement element to get it approved through surveys or action plan meetings. And so if we just took a template off of Muncie Action Plan and how they run their projects. I think we would be just in a better place of support, a unifying place of support for all of our interests.

Brad stated he and Shannon have talked about the newsletter before. I know, Jackie's, not here tonight, but she and I have talked and Dustin and I have talked. I think it's a great idea, but I'm not comfortable burdening Nikki with that or like I mentioned we're short-staffed Prairie Creek. If somebody wants to volunteer to write a newsletter, I would personally be more than happy to write the Board Presidents Corner. Yeah, I think Dustin would probably write a blurb. I'm sure we could find somebody to write a blurb for Tuhey. But we don't have a staff or a person that I would feel comfortable burdening with being the editor, or the publisher. Shannon stated, she thinks she could take that on as a quarterly project. I'd be fine with that being a faculty member at Ball State I've got all sorts of students that are interested in going into the field of parks and recreation in the school of Kinesiology. And so I would have support that way editorially. You know, it's something that I could take on and would be very much willing to do. Brad stated we need to look at that a little further and how we develop and distribute that. Chandra stated she doesn't think it would be a bad idea either. The gentleman's recommendation of having the Friends of Prairie Creek be a part of the

parks agenda because the partnership is very close and they are working together with Dustin. And obviously, the communication thing is causing a barrier, so having them have both sides, put to the table at one time. I think would be helpful especially rebuilding that relationship. Brad asked Nikki to make sure we add friends of Prairie Creek as a standing item on the agenda. Immediately after the Prairie Creek report would be great. Brad asked if there were any other comments from the board?

Sonni Stephenson been a camper for probably 20 years. Love it out there and appreciate everything. My question is Brad, you said the cell number to call for security and you said two different numbers at one point. The first time you said to 212-5574 and the second time, it was 212-5774. Brad confirmed he did say two different numbers and deferred to Dustin who confirmed the number is (765) 212-5774. That is the security number for our on staff security when they are there alone and when the armed officer is on staff they will have it.

Sonni doesn't think on Thursday's there's a need for a paid officer. In my opinion, Friday and Saturday nights things get out of hand and it's usually after 11:00 or so. This last weekend golf carts were very dangerous. They were fast, kids hanging off, and it was 11 or so. I videoed it. I wondered who do you call 911? Who do you call? We as campers are afraid to go out and say anything because it's not our place we're not supposed to do that. But who do we get help to prevent an accident? So it doesn't shut the park down eventually. We don't know what to do and the idea of us having a meeting with Dustin will help a lot. A lot of these questions could be answered. So I only have a couple things because a lot of my things can be answered later. So, another question I have is a last couple of years. We've done an adult prom and I really miss the opportunity to do an event thing, but why can I not just rent it personally and have a few small friends, like you rent it out for a baby shower or wedding and the dumpster that's behind there. I went to celebration of life and it was full and they had food and care, it was horrible. I think that's a horrible place to have a dumpster when you're going to rent out that place and you decorate it and you make it nice. Then you open that door and it stinks. It's horrible. That was embarrassing. So I would love to see that moved somewhere. Another thing you talked about is people who leave air conditionings running and lights on it? It aggravates us. Who's going to be the person that goes and says, you need to shut that off. There needs to be a person out there that keeps the rules going. Who does that?

Brad stated there is no rule per se that says turn your air conditioner off because we don't know when people are there. We don't know if they went to the gas station or coming back, but I think that's really encouraging you guys to meet your neighbors, self-police, and be conscious of what you're using. I mean, it's no different than at your house. You said it to away mode. And I mean, the police are going to show up and tell you to turn your air conditioner off. But a little self-conscious and awareness and community out there would go a long way to helping the parks as a whole. Sonni stated

another thing that she wanted to mention is the old floating pier that was backed by the old bait house and all that, that doesn't see any wind. So the newer ones, I love them. We really like them. But a lot of the people don't even know how to tie their boats up. We've seen bungee cords, we've seen crazy things. I mean, somebody needs to educate these people. Whether you make a flyer, hand it out to them, maybe have somebody go to look and then get a hold of those people, I don't know but it's scary. Some of us have an old boat, thank God. But some of the newer ones I would be scared to have some of the people beside me. Brad stated that for anybody that's got questions he would definitely recommend them reaching out to the Sail Club. The Commodore over there has been very, very useful and helpful.

Sonni stated they don't have questions. They just do what they think is ok. Brad stated they are not requiring training and is skeptical that people will volunteer to come to a class, so maybe that's something we look at. But somebody's got to train it, somebody's got to teach it. If we've got a requirement, that's one more hurdle and I anticipate there would be some resistance there. Sonni suggested maybe a small note that says tie up your boat, not with bungee cords or something. Brad stated the Sail Club does have a much more strenuous process. They've got a training requirement, they do inspections, they impose fees and you risk losing your dock if not tied correctly. Sonni stated her opinion would be to move paid security more to Friday and Saturday.

Brad stated he definitely would not encourage or support anybody from going into a confrontation with people that are misbehaving.

Tawny from the office staff stated, if you guys contact me, and let her know if anybody has tied up with something that they shouldn't, you can call me. And I will take care of it. I've already contacted other people and send them letters asking them. Please don't tie up with certain things because we don't we want to take care of those anyway. Our new floating piers. If you let me know, I'll call on it. It doesn't have to be during the hours. All those messages that go to the answering service she receives and can take care of those as soon as I get in. So just leave a message with them to put in a work order, put in anything and I can take care of that. Brad reiterated, if there is a safety concern to call 911. Don't hesitate to call if there is a safety concern or you feel like somebody may be at risk.

Brad asked if there were any other comments from Friends of Prairie Creek and there were none.

8. OLD BUSINESS –

Brad stated we had a resolution two months ago that was brought before us regarding Heekin Park. I'd reached out to the adjacent neighborhood associations there and had no concerns on that. I've got the resolution here and apologize for not printing that out

again for everybody. But I will read that. They asked for this as a designation. So it's Muncie Parks and Recreation Board of Muncie, Indiana resolution to designate Heekin Park as Muncie's History Park whereas Muncie Parks and Recreation is designated as the park authority for City of Muncie, Indiana. Pursuant to Indiana Code 36105(2) whereas the board has the authority to adopt rules and regulations concerning the laid out improvements, preservation, ornamentation and management of the parks. Whereas, the City of Muncie has made various improvements to Heekin Park which include monuments and historical collections, and whereas the board wishes to recognize such improvements by designating Heekin Park as Muncie's History Park without changing the name of the park. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Muncie Parks and Recreation Board does hereby designate Heekin Park as Muncie's History Park and Heekin Park shall retain its current name.

So, if you remember, this was brought to us by the group that helped fund the memory spiral and it doesn't change the name of Heekin Park. It is just a designation as Muncie's History Park. I think Shannon you made comments this may open us up for other grant options as well. I know you've done some other research regarding historical status which is different, but this may even play into that as well.

Shannon replied this late summer and into fall she's going to be working with, I'm going to be working with the Community Development Office for the City of Muncie and also a professor at Ball State that will be helping us develop a national register of historic places application for Heekin Park and then we also have applications that we've already done the research for on McCulloch Park and for the Tuhey pool Bath House. So those are three applications that we're going to be starting to work on to have national landmark designations for here in the City of Muncie. So I'll keep everybody aware of where we're at with those. Next month I should know more.

Brad stated he would assume this would only help build that case as well. Shannon inquired if that was the Ziegler Foundation? Brad confirmed it is. The Ziegler Foundation was a significant contributor to that memory spiral and they are targeting an opening in August. So the hope was we wanted to move forward with this resolution. We could get that approved so we can get that solidified.

Brad asked if there were any questions on that resolution. If not, he would entertain a motion for approval.

Vote was taken by all Board members present. Motion carries. Motion approved by all members present.

9. NEW BUSINESS – Historical designation of Heekin Park, McCulloch Park and the Tuhey Pool Bath House. Was previously discussed by Shannon.

Chandra inquired who we would ask about the Tillpond project. Brad stated he hasn't heard anything from the LWCF which is the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. So that is who that grant was submitted to. He knows we're in the final phases of potentially being approved. We had been recommended by the state but I don't believe we received final approval from the federal government on that grant yet. I'll make a note to follow up on it, this this week here.

Shannon stated she believed we should hear something by August hear timeline-wise. Brad stated he was under the impression that we might hear the response early spring because we had filed last year, so it's for the grant that's being awarded. So it is unknown at this time. Chandra stated she just wanted to put it on the record as she's heard a rumor that it's been kind of tossed off and not happening anymore. So I want to put on record that pieces are still moving to bring it to pass. Brad stated one of the meetings I've been and I don't remember if it was one of our meetings or another minute I've been at my understanding was the commitment was if the grant is not awarded at the federal level, there are still dollars and foundation monies set aside for this project, but the scope would change. It would be a smaller implementation and maybe look at phases. I've not been involved in all those intimate details but that was my understanding that it's still on the agenda with or without the federal funding.

10. ACTION ITEMS

Brad asked if there were any action items or events to be presented to the Board from the public and there were none.

12. PUBLIC INPUT – Please limit time to 3 minutes.

Rebecca Meadows – Inquired if there were unassigned piers from Phase I as she thinks she and her neighbor are in the wrong spot.

Remember this. This diagram shows Prairie Creek Piers 35 and 36.

My dock. Well, it says Pier 35. Is numbers 681 to 700, which is 20 slips. It says pier 36 is 10 slips, numbers 701-710. So I was one of the first ten from the beach and I remember you said, we probably remain in the same general area.

So I just thought well I'll be on here 36 because I was 10 out of the tent. I was in the first 10 and there's 10 slips are right? So, I wonder respectfully, I wonder if there's a mistake because myself and another person or over here, on pier 35 and there's two empty slots over here on 702 and 704 empty on a 36. So I wonder if maybe there was some mix up. 702 and 704 are both empty and additionally, this Photograph shows Pier 36 and it says

10 slips. However, it shows it and there are 12 slips. Did we do that? Because you know, well I figured there's four empty slips now because of that. Is that right?

Dustin stated adjustments had to be made with the implementation of this system.

There's 12 openings and there's only eight boats and the same 4 stay empty all the time.

So I just thought maybe it's a mistake. Dustin stated it was not a mistake and many people have yet to bring their boats down and it's not our policy to take someone's slip away because they don't come down the first week.

Brad reminded everyone that there is a switch day at the beginning of the year for docks that have been vacated before they go into the lottery. That list is available at the office and this has been the practice for quite a while. So the docks that are vacated and available and gives current dock holders and option to select those docks before they go into the lottery. And the other thing that is an option with the docks is if you and another dock owner mutually agree to switch locations, there's some paperwork and a fee associated with the paperwork, and the filing to switch docks with another individual.

Wayne Scaife - I have some questions about the requirements for having security at these events? Are all events required to have security? Because the first event they named with the scales and whatever, you didn't say anything about security. But these gentlemen right here you said they had to have security. So what are the qualifications? One didn't have to have security and one did. What's the qualifications? I don't understand that.

Brad responded, the first event we tabled. We did not approve. We had open questions regarding that, primarily around the insurance, and the exposure to the snakes. Mr. Scaife replied, but they said no security and nobody said anything. So you didn't say no, they got to have security. But when these gentlemen came up, y'all questioned them about security. So what's the requirement? I don't understand that.

Shannon responded, we didn't even get to security. Mr. Scaife replied on the application it was mentioned no security and nobody said anything about it. So I'm just asking what's the qualifier? What's the requirement? Do all events in the parks have to have security? Or do you just wave some and what? Or was it something you just overlooked. If you just overlooked it you can just say it. Brad stated they didn't get that far with the first event. The requirements of events are at the discretion of the Parks Board. We always ask the question and that's at the discretion of the Parks Board. It can be for anything or event approval. Mr Scaife stated he looked at the city ordinance for Parks and Recreation, chapter 95, section 10. On their organization, the guys that were sitting here, it says, no public meetings or public discussions of any subject, religious, social,

political or others should be held within the limits of any park, without consent of the Superintendent of the Parks. So, if the Superintendent can approve it, why do they have to come to the Parks Board? Or is that ordinance is no good? Shannon replied, we oversee the Superintendent and Mr. Scaife asked shouldn't that say without the approval of the Parks Board? Why does this say approval of the Superintendent? Brad responded that section 95.10, parades drills public meetings and discussions. So they are having an event and only an event has to come before the Board. Mr. Scaife asked again, if the superintendent approves it, why do they have to come before the Parks Board? Brad responded because it was an event. And event approvals have to come before the Board.

Mr. Scaife then asked about Riverview Park. I see that the completion date is 2023. What's causing a delay for the completion of Riverview Park? Why is there a safety hazard out there? Are there plans for any other improvements and why aren't the improvements being worked on now? Can I get those questions answered?

Dustin stated he would be happy to meet with Mr. Scaife later to discuss it and Mr. Scaife stated he didn't want to meet in private as he wanted his questions to be answered right here in the public forum.

Brad asked Dustin if he had an update on the target date for the Riverview. No, not the target date. That's answered on the Superintendents report. What is the delay? We've had multiple contractor delays, we've talked about some of those. In previous meetings, those have been on superintendent reports that have been discussed in meetings. One was had to do with the flood plain, we've had a water supply issues. We've had sewer issues, those are the ones that come to my memory. Mr. Scaife asked about the big safety hazard and asked have any of the Board been out there to walk around. There's a big drop off and you know kids are going to be kids and they're going to go out there anyway. They're going to still run around that Splash Pad. It's a big drop-off, you got big boulders right there. One can hit their head. You got a metal pipe sticking out the ground. The caution tape is all torn up. That's a safety hazard out there. I don't know if y'all been out there to look at it. Are there any other improvements planned for this park? Because if the delay is the water park part, why can't they be working on the other Improvement?

Brad stated he didn't have details on that.

Mr. Scaife rebutted, the project manager is right here. He's answered questions about everything else. Now why can't you answer them in a public forum? I don't want to get off the microphone. I want the questions answered in the public forum and recorded. So are there any improvements? Why can't you answer the question?

That's unacceptable and as the as the Parks Board, y'all should require him to answer those questions because he answered all those other questions. He's been answering questions up here and he sits back there. And answer questions. What's hard about answering? Are there any other improvements planned for the park? How hard is that?

Brad notified Mr. Scaife, he would make sure that he and Dustin connect and he can answer his questions.

Mr. Scaife stated he didn't want to connect with Dustin privately. He wanted it on record, in a public forum, not a private behind closed doors meetings with him.

I wanted to answer on a public forum Dustin.

I would like, just like Miss Parks. Just said I want on the record. The comment she just made. I want my answer on the record. I don't want it off the Record.

Brad asked Dustin if he could provide a Riverview Park update for the next Parks board meeting? And Dustin stated he would. Brad asked Nikki if we can add Riverview Park to the agenda for next month's meeting. Nikki stated it will be added to the agenda.

Rick Yencer – stated he can't believe what the government has done to deny people that actually pay to use Prairie Creek, by not telling them about gates, security, and trash. You know, we received a lot of a lot of complaints that trash was piled up over Memorial Day, and I can understand if a contractor doesn't do his job, you go out and get another one. But from what I heard tonight about Prairie Creek, I still haven't heard what security problems are out there. It's not like somebody got murdered like in Heekin Park two years ago. And like one of the people said maybe you should just send some cops out there late night when kids or people come out on Friday or Saturday night. But I don't think it's a good idea to secure public campgrounds. As I recall, I don't even think the government owns that land. You lease it from the water company. And frankly, I've seen this play out in different administrations of problems between the campers, the boaters and the government, but it is unforgivable not to communicate with those people. You're biting the hand that feeds you and I hope you wake up and start listening to people because come November, I'm sure a lot of these people are going to remember you.

Brad replied to Mr. Yensler that the security has been a constant and repetitive concern from the Friends of Prairie Creek. Including theft, vandalism, trespassing, illegal trash disposal and dumping are all concerns which have been voiced by the Friends of Prairie Creek.

But again I hope you listen to them. They're the one paying you that also right? Brad relied that is exactly why we've added additional security measures because of the concerns that have been brought to us by them.

Rodney Wehlage – I'm a camper and boater out at Prairie Creek Reservoir. This is my second meeting ever attending. I believe the first time I met him was in October and Miss Powers and I had a discussion about some of the environmental impacts that some of these boats are having out there on the lake. Same way with the docks, we were setting out there with some friends of ours Ice boats, setting out their own one. The main docks before you got to the main channel. Couple big boats come by and those things rock and roll. I don't know how deep those poles are in the ground, but they rock pretty good. So I don't know eventually, if those are going to work their way out of the ground, you know, I don't know what I said. I don't know how far they go down a lot of times, that some of the bigger Lakes, I've been in, they've either got some type of tethering system to hold that down, so if it does break loose, you don't have six boats, take off, and go running into a bunch of other boats. I do not have the new floating dock yet. I don't know what phase I am in. I'm over towards the little Cove. Where the old handicapped here used to be. So I don't know what phase I am in, right there concern that he had with some of the dock spacing in there that I've looked. I pulled my dock over to a friend of mine, into an empty docks. I thought, man, I'm just gonna pull up there just to see how this is going to be. My boat is 22 feet and tied up perfectly without a problem. There's some of those boats out there Tritons those things are eight and a half, nine foot wide and you get two of those in there, I don't know if they'll fit, I don't know. I mean I really don't know if they're going to fit him in there and if you do it's going to be tight. It's me. I've got some huge bumpers. So eventually when I get mine, I will put those in there to Boats off of mine. So, something I did like that I did talk about back in October, you brought up marking the tubing areas and putting more Idle Zone Buoys out there because there's one out there right now and I come around it and I kind of blocked it. Another pontoon just come flying right past them so they could get into that Cove. Just what is going to do is going to make those boats, hit those new docks and it's going to cut into them. I've already went out there just kind of walk around just got to check them out. I see a lot of plastic already wearing. How long is that going to be for outwards a hole in it? You know what? I mean and they sink so that kind of has a concern to me on some of that. But my biggest thing is, is the boats, the environmental impact, how that's going to have on that? We talked about the Wake breaks before you guys have brought that up in one of the meetings. I watched online, I do, I wasn't here so I wasn't able to make it to try to break that up a little bit because those boats out there. Some of them are out. There are huge. I mean, in all honesty, by on, one of the boats, I would take it to Prairie Creek but you can't ski. You know what I mean? You can't bring a board but unless you're not the other end, they're just a lot of issues that I see that those bigger boats are going to cause a problem, and I think it's going to cause a

problem on the new floating docks. Especially if I get mine, it's out on big water and they just come flying by those weights. Like I said, you're going to be that tall. It's really going to tear those docks up badly. I will say to I'm on Road A, right across from the dumpsters. Dustin came out on Memorial weekend and I think you had a volunteer with you and you went out there and he scooped all that stuff up because we were having issues with them picking up. But that weekend it just so happened it was a cool weekend. We had a Northeast wind and man I couldn't sit on the deck of my camper because the smell was so bad. And over that weekend somebody had a Seafood Broil and all that went in there. With the issues they were having that didn't get picked up until the following Friday. He inquired if the dumpsters could be moved closer to the entrance where the bar goes down, pour some concrete and put them over there. It was nothing on Dustin as the company didn't do their job.

Brad stated that is something we can discuss and figure out the best place where they belong.

Sonni Stevenson – Inquired about using the building for an Adult Prom. The first year she rented the building personally. The second year she had to do an even proposal and have security. Since it's just a small group of friends can she just rent it personally again like they do for a wedding. Shannon inquired how many people and Sonni stated about 20 or 30 campers, just dressing up and having fun. We had food and she doesn't provide alcohol.

Brad replied when we require event approval it is typically for public events but you're stating this is a private event. He believes that falls under normal facility reservation. So if you're not opening it up to all campers or the public that is different than event. She asked if it was invite only can she rent it? Mark interjected opening it to the public puts it in a different category for events.

There was an inquiry from the floor about selling campers and the site with it. Many people don't have anyone in their family to transfer their sites to and as they age just want to sell their campers and sites instead of having to haul their campers out to sell them. Brad stated they would be looking into changing the rules for selling pontoons and slips and campers as that allows people to skip over the wait list and the lottery.

Brad asked if there were any other comments from the board? There were no comments. I do want to thank everybody for being here tonight. It was an extended meeting but we appreciate the comments, the feedback and love to see the engagement and involvement. And with that, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for July 18, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**

Nikki

Park board is oversight and visioning for parks system, we do not run daily operations of the parks or Prairie Creek. We are all volunteer on the board, no compensation or favors given for our service.

We are short staffed at prairie creek

- One full time
- One part time
- Operation manager
 - o Someone step up and apply, make a difference

If you see something.....call the police.

Dispatch (Non-Emergency) 765.747.4838

Please turn off AC and electrical items when you are not at your campers. This carelessness directly reduces the funds available to make improvements to the park

Free swimming at the beach was designed to increase accessibility and eliminate the financial hurdle to visiting Prairie creek.

- Main office (765)747-4872
- Security (765)212-5774

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6-20-23 Friends of Prairie Creek response (May requests)

Gates

- Near complete work being done as recently as this week
- Waiting new electrical board at main gate
- Reviewing plan for implementation
 - o 2 fabs per campsite/dock
 - o Aug 1st distribution
 - o Aug 15th gates active
- Only closed at night

After hours number

- Main office (765)747-4872
- 24hr answer center
 - o Answer basic FAQ
 - o Relay message to Park staff next day
- Call 911 in the case of an emergency
- Security cell phone (765)212-5774
 - o Only for security
 - o Not maintenance, cleaning or general question

Kids on golf carts

- Per rules operator of a golf cart must have valid drivers license

Mowing

- Team continues to work on mowing
- Some area have been designated prairie restoration
 - o Signs install
 - o Old Mid park playground

Logs and tree debris

- Will be cleaned up by staff

Maps

- Large map at office under development
- Plan to have one at entrance of campground in design
- Will be uploaded to website

Trash

- Dumpsters only
- Additional dumpsters on site for holidays
- Still working through best locations, some are full some are empty
- NO totes, available for request for approved special events

June 19, 2023

To: **Prairie Creek Park Mgmt & Muncie Parks Board & Whoever can resolve a Safety Issue:**

I am a dock holder at Prairie Creek Reservoir. I was assigned Floatation Dock #699 this year. Now that boats are in the water I have been able to experience my new dock location. The new floatation piers look beautiful! They seem to greatly improve the appearance of the PCR. Now that I have had opportunity to actually use my dock, I am very concerned about my and my family's safety on my particular dock. My new floatation dock floats in very deep water, well over all of our heads. I am terrified and stressed to simply board and alight my own boat. My dock is on the very end of Pier #35. In addition to my new dock being in very deep water, it is always wet and slippery, and heavy speeding boat traffic additionally causes rocking and rolling of the dock, presenting a danger to my granddaughter and myself by simply walking on the wet slippery dock. All of my family have already continually had very many very close calls of being knocked out in to the deep abyss. My main concerns are my 6 year old granddaughter who is always with me, as well as my own physical limitations. Further, we are not able to allow my granddaughter to play in the sand on shore, because my dock is so far removed from shore (20 docks) we are not able to see her. My dock at Prairie Creek for the past 15 years has always been directly on the north side of the beach and I would very much like to remain so. I went in person to the Prairie Creek Park Office to seek a resolution to this important safety problem. I spoke with the new PCR Park Manager, Jordan. Jordan told me I missed "switch day" and have no other recourse.

I do not have any idea what "switch day" is. I have never been notified of "switch day" and further, I don't know what it is. I am quite frustrated to learn there may have been a possible solution, but the Park that I pay fees to, never notified me, as a customer, about any solutions to potential problems. I have on numerous occasions formally requested from both Park Management and the Muncie Parks Board, both in writing and in person, that I be notified by U.S. mail of any information that pertains to me as a dock holder or seasonal camper to no avail.

How about Dock #702 on Pier #36? Is this the dock # closest to shore, on Pier #36, and is it available? I see there is never a boat in the slip. Please, I need to be relocated for a safe resolution to this problem.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important safety matter of your Customer,
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Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 6/20/23

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