

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

April 30, 2024 6 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

- 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. RESOLUTION FOR PRAIRIE CREEK RULES & REGULATIONS

Brad welcomed everyone to our special meeting and we've only got one item on the agenda tonight that is tabled or carried over from our normal April meeting a few housekeeping items before we get started if we've got any comments from the public today those all will need to be addressed at the microphone helps Nikki on the minutes and also includes those at home. Also do have I guess an apology or clarification it from our last meeting we discussed the transfer rules regarding the campsites and I thought that was a policy that we had in place, but it was actually adopted into our rules that we adopted in 2013 so that transfer policy was in the rules that's been published and been on record for the last two seasons now.

The item on the agenda for this meeting is regarding the docs and transfers and how that is handled. What I had done was I had legal review documents we've got associated with both the lease and the rules that we've got in place. I had legal team review those with the goal of what is the that look like matching the dock-- excuse me, the campsite transfers, mirroring that to the docks. When they reviewed the rules as a whole, they also identified a few minor items that were on that list as well. I'm going to go through that here with the board, the items that I've reviewed. To highlight those, we'll have a period for comment from the public. We'll probably have some initial discussion from the board, public comment, and then if we've got any actions to make this evening, we'll go through that.

So, going through the rules here. I think everybody's got a copy here on the board. On page four, there was a minor revision, an update. Item Q has been added under general park rules, miscellaneous that reads "violators of Prairie Creek rules and regulations may be subject to trespass at the discretion of Prairie Creek. Trespassers are strictly prohibited from returning to the park permits. That is not necessarily a new rule, but it's clarification and it's included in the rules now. So, that's always been a policy.

On page six, under campgrounds and golf carts, we did add the clarification that "all daily campers pay a daily fee for ATV or golf cart use while on the premise". That was part of our rates and fees last year that we adopted. Now, it's added into the rules here.

Also, on page six, we've got under miscellaneous, item B "Indian Hill campground is designated for horse camping" only yet again that's always been a rule just getting those documented and updated here.

Page six also under miscellaneous, item H clarifies "all Prairie Creek leaseholders and their guests must comply with Prairie Creek rules and regulations at all times. All leaseholders shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests and ensure their guests comply with all Prairie Creek rules and regulations. Written notice of violation to any of the rules and regulations of Prairie Creek shall constitute a default by the leaseholder and the leaseholder shall be subject to eviction in accordance with the terms of their lease". Yet again that was always a rule that's included in the lease but now copies over into the rules. The guests of leaseholders are the responsibility of the leaseholder.

Page 8, Item G: Seasonal Campground Structures, "tents in the seasonal campground area must comply with the terms of the Prairie Creek Reservoir lease in the campsite, state, and federal local laws. No change there. A lot of these, as we go through these, you'll see these are items that were in the lease that were added to the rules, so we've got a redundant copy essentially.

On page 8 again. Seasonal Campground: Miscellaneous. Item A was added and clarifies the due dates of the payment. "Campsite leaseholders shall pay full rent due for the lease permits by the end of business March 31st. Rent payments will be accepted April 1st through the end of business day on the 5th. Rent payments made after the 31st but before the 6th are subject to a late fee. No rent payments are accepted after the close of business on the 5th. Failure to pay by the 6th will constitute lease default and the campsite will be entered into the lottery at that time". Yet again, that's always been the policy now it's put into the rules. That was mostly housekeeping items regarding the rules.

Page 9 is where we start the topics of actual discussion for this meeting regarding docks and transfers. Previously the only line item in the rules for the docs. I'll read that before we go on. The only previous rule in the Boats and Docks, subsection Docks and Piers, was "all docks are privately leased, all others are considered trespassers".

The new ruling to match seasonal campgrounds reads as follows, this is a little lengthy so bear with me here. Boating and Docks: Section Four, Docks and Piers. "No more than two docks shall be leased to an individual's name. Sub-leasing of the docks is strictly prohibited. Address and phone number must be current and remain on file with Prairie Creek office. Leaseholders are responsible for updating their address and phone numbers on file with Prairie Creek office. In the event of any change, Leaseholders shall obtain express written consent of the Prairie Creek staff and/or Parks Board in order to transfer or exchange any dock. Transfers may only be made to immediate family members. Said transfer shall only be permitted once per year. In the event of a boat watercraft is sold, the dock does not transfer to the new owner of the boat or watercraft. Docks shall be completely vacated at the end of the lease agreement term. Any items left on the dock after the end of the lease agreement term shall be removed at the owner's expense. Any dock that does not have a renewal lease shall be available to the public through an available dock list. Participants are selected from the available dock list for a lease through random selection. Participants that have been evicted from their lease properties are not eligible to be added to the available dock list for the current season. Previously evicted tenants may be eligible to apply for a future lease in subsequent years pending the reason for the eviction. All docks are privately leased. All others are considered trespass. Dock trespassers shall not be allowed to be added to the available dock list, launch dock or own a watercraft or other floating device on any dock at Prairie Creek. Violators of this provision shall have their watercraft removed from the water and Prairie Creek shall dry dock the watercraft at the owner's expense.

Item J, dock leaseholders shall pay the full rent due for the lease permits by the end of the business day on March 31st. Rent payments will be accepted April 1st through the end of business day April 5th. Rent payments made after the 31st before the 6th shall be subject to a late charge. No payments will be accepted after the close of business on the 5th, failure to pay rent, shall be considered lease default and the docks shall be entered into the lottery at that time.

Item K, "Prairie Creek leaseholders and their guests must comply with Prairie Creek rules and regulations at all times on the parks premise. All leaseholders should comply with Prairie Creek rules be responsible for conduct of their guests and shall ensure guests comply with all the Prairie Creek Rules and Regulations. A written notice of any violation of rules and regulations that Prairie Creek shall constitute default of the

leaseholder and the leaseholder shall be subject to the eviction in accordance with the terms that are leased”.

So that was the same as what we've got in the campground that's included in the lease. So those are the items that are added, like I said, primarily we're looking at the sections regarding docks and the transfer and then also including some of the items there in the lease and getting those into the rules. We will have discussion from the Board and then after the conclusion of discussion from the Board, we will open it to public comment.

James asked Brad if he is wanting to adopt these for the current leases already signed and Brad replied that is the discussion. In the last meeting we adopted the change of policy for the 2025 season, and that is what this structures and lays out. What our discussion tonight is, is do we want to adopt these rules for the 2025 season as presented based on our discussion in the last meeting? This is the formalization of that adoption. Certainly it can be a policy on the books but I feel like having it in the rules, how we're structuring that is the appropriate way to do that. And then the second piece of that is, do we want to adopt this set of rules for this year and not allow transfers as they've been done in the past and institute these transfer rules for this year?

One of the things I thought about or conceptualized is that this is short notice for this year, and if we wanted to look at an option of adopting these mid-season. Legal did advise against that. They said it needs to be at the beginning of this season or the beginning of next season. So a mid-season adoption is not a recommended path from the legal team.

Chandra asked if we're still at the beginning of the season and Brad replied officially docks open tomorrow. So we're before the season started. There are leases in place and they all have to be honored. None of these rules are contradictory to the lease. So all of these can be adopted and can be enforced. The one that cannot be enforced this year is that we have issued docs to individuals who have more than two. So that would be moving forward no new leases can be issued for an individual more than two docks. Current leases would be honored but moving forward there would be no more than two leases for an individual.

Chandra stated she honestly didn't see why we would not just allow it to be for the beginning of the season if the season is just beginning. She didn't see why we wouldn't just go ahead and apply it if most of it is already policy outside of the conflict we had last meeting. If it's legal, it's only fair. I feel like to move it forward. Shannon interjected on that issue, she would probably say since people have already paid their money for the 2024 season with certain assumptions, we should honor those and then adopt and enforce implementation for 2025. Another issue she thinks that people need to understand is the transfers. The transferring of docks can only be to immediate family members. I think that's important for people to understand. That that is crystal clear

and she understands that it's going against probably some historical patterns that people might have an issue with. She thinks that's going to be a big concern, but there needs to be parallels with our policy with our campsites and our docks. She thinks that those should be similar and understood. But she would go with the 2025 season of implementing it personally.

Chandra stated her question would be, if for whatever reason we did vote it in to start for this season, would we be able to give a grace period of adjustment for those that already have this other expectation? Brad replied that's where legal had concerns. If we offer a grace period this year, that would be the concern. An option there may be, I know we talked about refunds last meeting, specifically about the campsites. But I think that could be a middle ground, is that we could offer refunds, but not allow, if we adopted it for the 2024 season, he wouldn't be comfortable extending the transfer period. But we could look at a refund period, I think would be appropriate, up until the lottery day, which is the sixth. That would allow us, if somebody wanted a refund, we could still get it into the lottery in that time period.

Shannon asked, how many folks are we talking about that have two or more leases? Brad replied, he talked to Tawny today and she did indicate there were several that had two docks. She thought two or three had more than two docks. So it is a pretty small population that's affected by that rule. And maybe somebody from the public will have some comment when we get to that. He can see why you might have two, but more than that he didn't understand that piece enough to know why there would be more than two for an individual name. Shannon interjected, and an individual watercraft, correct? Brad said an individual name. So if you own a boat with your cousin or your brother or your wife, they could potentially have two as well. But one individual name per dock is the ruling that was as proposed. James asked if we know if people with two docks are populating both docks? Brad said he didn't know that and Tawny didn't have that detail either. We don't historically monitor the docks. They pay their fee. They register the boat with that dock. He stated he knows last year we did spot checks to make sure that the sticker, the boat and the dock matched, but there's not a regular attendance or survey. Mark asked if Brad knew how many people were on the waiting list for boat docks. Brad said on the dock wait list this year, there were roughly 215 with about 40 available.

Brad asked if there was any other board discussion before we open for public comment and James said he would like to hear what the public has to say. The rest of the Board agreed. We didn't have a sign-in sheet today so we only got one item on the agenda so this is your time to speak on this item. Other Prairie Creek or Parks Board items will be need to be brought to a normal scheduled meeting which will be the third Tuesday of the month I don't have the date unless Nikki knows that offhand. It will be Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6 p.m. but any public comment you're welcome to step to the podium.

PUBLIC INPUT – Please limit time to 3 minutes.

Rod Wehlage – responded to Chandra’s statements regarding implementing the rules for 2024 and stated he thinks if they do implement it this season, then the people who have four docks, take them away from them this year, too. Brad stated he asked legal about that but we have a legal lease and don’t have grounds to break it with them. Rod stated there are some people that signed their leases already that may want to get out of it mid -season, but they're not going to be able to now. And that's a legal lease.

And then another thing I heard you talk about that you can only have one person with two docks. But if I get two docks and say I got four docks. I take my wife's name and put it on for the other two docks. I still got four docs in the same family. So how are you gonna police that? If all I got to do is switch it to my kids, my grandkids and do all that. Now I've got six docks out there, but it's all with the same guy, you know? So there's a lot of rules that you guys are gonna try to implement, but how are you gonna police them enough that we're not gonna have a wife owning two, a husband owning two, my kids owning two, you know? Referring back to what Chandra was talking about, I think any rule that you implement now with tomorrow being the opening day, I would much rather you implement the rules in 2025 because there's going to be a lot of people here that's not here at this meeting. So if you're going to change the rules to me I think start the full year off everybody's had a full year you've told everybody and everybody's had plenty notice so now they can't come back so what you only gave me two days now notice on this. Keep the rule the same this year, and for 2025, move it so the docks and the campers the exact same way. Then everything's straight across the board. It's just kind of hard to do it that day before season opens. So to me, I would implement the dock rule next year. And then you can actually police it. Who gets what dock? 'Cause right now you've got everybody that's already paid, ready to go. So that's all I've got. He thanked the Board for listening.

Brad stated there was one clarification there. We don't have any grounds or intention to remove anybody's leases for this year. That's not what we're looking to do. And we can't legally do that, be it multiple docks or anything of that nature.

Chandra said she genuinely wanted to know because she doesn't own any boats. She asked Rod would it be a consideration that if it did get implemented this year, the talk of maybe doing a refund for the extra owned dogs and moving forward with what you said. Rod replied, there's some people may have something come up medically or something. Something happens mid -year or whatever that they want to sell and they're not going to be able to transfer it or do anything like that if we start the rule off the day before docks open. He stated, he thinks it would make more sense and it would not make so many people mad to say, "Hey, these are the rules. This is what's coming out. We're going to print them out. You're going to have them next year. This is what is said. This is what's

done." There's no argument about it. See, right now, you're opening yourself up to a lot of ridicule and people saying, "Hey, you gave me a one -day notice. Now I'm stuck with this dock, or I can't get out of it because I'm thinking about selling it." So my thing is, to me, I just think 2025 would be the best time to start anything instead of the day before season opens. That's up to you guys and however you guys want to do it. I mean, we got to live by it. As a dock holder, and a campsite holder that's been out there for 20 some years, I'm not going anywhere. But I mean, some of these people, they're getting older. A lot of people have been out there for a lot more years than I have you know they may side they want to get out it's maybe their last year so at the end this year they're out but whoever comes in or comes in full next year the rules in place you can't change it. This is what it is, take it. If you don't want it you can move out but you can't take your dock with you and you can't take your campsite with you. He thinks starting it next year instead of trying to implement it now, it's just kind of rough the day before. He said, he's not going nowhere and will do whatever. But there's a lot of people that might want to say this is their last year. I thought about getting out. I've done stuff on my boat. I'll get rid of it or do whatever. Next year a new lessee comes in. Hey, here's your rules. Once you get rid of it, if you leave, the dock goes back to Prairie Creek because we don't own it anyway. We're leasing it from the city. All we're doing is signing a lease agreement for that year. You know, we could lose it the very next year. You know what I mean? But to him, any type of rule like that, 2025 would be the best time to open any type of new rule up instead of the day before.

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

Christy Foster – had a few questions. The first being if you can only have one campsite, why are they allowing two boat docks. Brad replied the rule for the campsite reads the same. That is in the rules that were adopted last year, Campgrounds, Seasonal Campgrounds, Occupation and Ownership: No more than one seasonal campsite per person is permitted. The reason that it is two versus the one in the campground is because, one historically we've not had a limit and after talking to Tawny there are quite a few that have two spots. Historically, as you know, we had the wood docks and he could see a reason why people would want both sides or if they had a pontoon boat or a fishing boat. Christy stated she can see why people would want two campsites when they're really small. Brad replied, the way the rule is written today, it is no more than one campsite per person. So somebody can work the rules the same way. If they sign up their wife or their kid or their cousin or their brother that's how the rule is written today. Christy added she thought the Board was trying to make them consistent between the campers and the boat docks.

Christy's other question was in regards to the payment as due at the end of March for campsites and boat piers. However, for boat piers, we cannot put the boats in until May 1st and the campers get access on April 1st. She was wondering if the Board is trying to

make it consistent between all of it. Brad replied the piers have never been in April 1st and he doesn't anticipate that would ever change and I'm not and he doesn't think campers would be happy if we didn't let them in until May 1st. For the accounting and the bookkeeping in the office, having the same due date is easier and that's why that's been that way. A lot of the campers are dock holders and they want to pay the check at one time. They want to know when the due date is. So it was out of simplicity as to why that's been that way historically.

Jackie Sciscoe - wanted to reiterate what Christy said, because it sounded like it was kind of getting dismissed, about the two docks versus one campsite. Because the whole reason, I think, for this meeting tonight was to make things fair for the boat docks versus the campsites. And she thinks if we keep it two docks versus one campsite, we're not doing that. She just wanted to reiterate that and bring that back to the discussion I think we need to consider that because I feel like that was the reason to have this meeting tonight.

Ron Whitenack - stated he has pier 610 and that's a change from last year, a different number. He stated he didn't know where it is and asked how he will find it. Brad told him to speak with Tawny for assistance. He believed it should be in the same general area. James stated he believes it is in the campground by where the old handicapped fishing pier used to be. Brad said we don't have the map of the docks with us but the office will be able to help him. Ron said when they stated you match the sticker for the boat to the pier, where do you put number? Is it on the pier? He had one of the old ones for years and now you have to count down. He inquired if there is there a system in place. Brad replied there is a map and a numbering system that's in place. One of the upgrades as we move to the floating piers is getting those piers numbered and making the numbers visible both from the water and the shore. That's still in progress. We've still got probably at least two iterations of floating piers to implement before we're complete. Ron asked when they get that done, will this sticker number on the boat be on the slip or will it be on that sign when you're walking out. When he went out last year they had a sign with all these numbers and he wasn't sure how you know which slip is yours. Brad replied for that level of detail he would have to check with the office or the Boat House as he wasn't sure how they're structuring all the numbering. Ron asked if it would just be they are on a dock and just pick which one they want. Brad replied it would absolutely not be that way. Ron stated he would go out and talk to the staff.

Mike Anderson - stated he owns Prairie Creek RV and Pontoon Storage. He stated he did go to the office and if the gentleman goes to the office, they have papers that show you every pier and shows you what number goes with what slip. He went and got all the new pier slips.

Mike asked since he stores so many boats and goes in and out, he's on basically every pier and wondered if he would be considered trespassing since he's not a boat owner on that pier. Brad replied he would be a guest of the boat owner at that point.

Mike said he knows they have these electronic gates they've been trying to install for years and wondered is that going to be installed this year? Brad replied they're installed. The hours and functionality is one of the pieces that they're working through. We had a hardware issue that they're working through out there but the dock gates and security is in place for this year.

Mike asked if as a vendor he'll need access to all of the piers that's got the lock gates. He inquired if he was going to be given a key or passes to get on all of them. As of right now you've only got gates at the campground and he's got a pier there. Then you've got another gate down there in front of the beach area that you haven't implemented, but the gates are there. He has three pontoons back there and inquired how does he get to those piers? Brad replied that being a contractor or a guest, of the boat holder, we need to evaluate how we manage access for contractors. He doesn't have an answer for that today. Mike thanked him and stated he would like to get an answer if possible before they make the gates work.

Mike added he thinks they need to implement the changes next year as there are all these people that are not here. There's over 800 piers and they didn't know this is what you're going to do. He has three customers this year out of 73 that sold their boats and they sold the piers with them. He knows they're trying to stop that but they got theirs switched over to the new people. If you start that this year you've got people that already paid leases and they would have probably sold their boats. So it would have been nice to have done that before you did this. He stated he thought we need to have three meetings when you read in these rules and change them? Brad replied the Parks Board has the discretion to implement rules for the parks and Prairie Creek. So we're independent of the way the City Council runs per se.

Mike added Brad said the boats were always put in May 1st but they had never been put in May 1st until this administration. They were always put in April 1st, weather permitting. If the weather didn't allow us to get in by April 1st, it might have been one or two weeks after. He's been doing this since 2014, and they always put them in April 1st. It didn't change until Dustin changed it.

Rod stated he was going to kind of answer Mike's questions on the gates. They were setting up a time that they're going to be closed at 11 o'clock at night till seven in the morning. So he didn't know with Mike putting the pontoons in if that's going to be an issue with the gates because you got to have public access to everybody coming into the campground and all that. I was under the assumption that when they gave us the fobs and put the gates in that we were going to have them open to the public or have people

coming through until the park closes at 11, so the gates would come down at 11. The park opens at 7 am, so the gates would come back up at 7. So if he's putting a boat in, I don't think the gates would be that big of an issue but he wasn't for sure if they actually set the time when the gates were going to be closed. We've got people coming in on Harleys, he thinks he discussed this last year coming in at 11 to midnight, one, two o'clock in the morning just riding around the parking lot in Harleys. If you're lying in bed, those walls aren't very thick and you can hear everything. I think that what we were discussing last year was to shut them at 11 pm and open them at 7 when the park opens. Brad stated that was his understanding as well. He said part of the hardware issue is getting the time set and having those repeatable and the key fobs being accessible during those times and how that structures. That's a part of what they're working through. Rod replied he works at South Central and they've got timers. If they would like to come and see our timers, they can get it in there.

Jackie wanted to add to the gates discussion. She knows they talked about this after the Friends of Prairie Creek meeting. She, Dustin and Tawny talked to Brad about The Friends of Prairie Creek taking a poll of all the campground permanent leaseholders about when they wanted the gates opened and closed. They did an online Facebook poll last year, but didn't get 100 % feedback. So, some of The Friends of Prairie Creek members were going to go around this year, hopefully over the next couple of weeks, and try to get 100 % feedback on when they would like the camper ground gates closed. She will get the Board feedback on that as soon as we get that.

Joe Earvin inquired about docks. We're talking about tomorrow being the first day that you can put your boat in. What about the docks that aren't available? Are they going to be available? We've had nice weather. He's been out there several times and hasn't even seen a crew working on docks. So do you have any time frame of what's going to happen? Brad replied, the last update he got from the team out there was again at least May 1st weather permitting. We did have some weather early in the spring that put us behind out of the gate. But they were about six days behind is where they were forecasting earlier this week. We've had a good week. He doesn't know if they've gained ground, but that is where they're at right now. Some of the wood docks have required a lot of work this year to get those back into functional condition. That's been a labor intensive process. We only had the wood. The first version of the floating piers in, second version going in this year, so that continues to increase the pace, but we're not going to see those gains until next year. Essentially, for that second version of the floating piers. So, six days late is what we're forecasting now.

Joe said he is on a floating dock and was out there today. It was a beautiful day and he didn't see anyone working on anything. He inquired why we are missing appropriate times of getting that ready for the public. Brad replied he didn't have a good answer as he was informed they were six days behind. Brad asked Carl Malone, Superintendent of

Parks if he had an update. Carl stated just for the record, his team has been out at Prairie Creek for the past two days. They have been mowing so Junior and his team can work on the docks. They are out and trying to meet the deadline. They are a small team but they are trying to get those docks put in. Brad thanked Carl for his update.

Brad asked if the Board had any questions or discussion about what they heard so far. Shannon said she thinks the rules should be changed so a person could only own one dock. That would make it fair and the policies would be parallel. She asked what is the benefit or the need to have two or more docks. Brad replied if a person had a bass fishing boat and a pontoon for their family. He stated he is open to changing that if the Board wants to discuss it. Shannon asked if there are a lot of people that actually have two boats or are there a lot of people that just have two leases. Brad replied Tawny did not have that number for him. She said there were quite a few that have two docks. Chandra asked why would there be a need for two campsites. Brad stated he didn't think there was any intention to change the campsite rule. The other thing he sees with the docks is the demand is different. There are 200 people in the dock lottery for 40 available spaces. That's five to one. The campsites have 140 for 20 spaces. That's seven to one. He knows they've talked about it before but believes one of the reasons we see people with multiple docks is we are below market in dock pricing, especially on the old wood dock system. He didn't ask Tawny for a breakdown of how many have two floating versus two wood. He believes when we come to market rate that won't be as big of an issue either.

Mark said he wanted to hear what everybody said first but to him it seems they have kind of a fundamental fairness issue times three with this whole issue. We've got the fairness of the campgrounds versus the boat docks and the fact that we are treating them differently. He personally thinks they should be treated the same. And after listening to everyone he is comfortable with changing the rule and making it effective for 2025 because it's a fairness issue for people who in good faith leased for this year and we're looking at a long term solution. We have to look at maybe history is different, but when he looks at it, we have a wait list of 215, 40 available, people that have multiple docs, and there's going to be 175 people that can't get a dock. That's not fair for people to have two, three, or four, depending upon if they're an individual family. He would be in favor, not tonight, but before next year of looking at the rule where it's two boat docks per individual. I don't see a reason for an immediate family to have four docks when we have 175 people on a wait list, because what that does is it allows an economic incentive, you can put a bucket of bolts in there. And what you're really selling is a boat dock, not a boat. And it would be the same thing with the campers. We talked about that at our last meeting. He isn't saying anyone has done this but suspects some have. One can have an uninhabitable camper and sell it for a huge price because someone wants the spot. He doesn't think that's what Muncie should be about. Maybe two per family is reasonable. He gets the pontoon and fishing boat. And if your name comes up and you

do that, it makes sense to him. It's not a lot different than if you're a sports fan or you go to concerts. It's kind of maddening when the corporate entities buy up all the tickets, and you can't get a ticket because it's sold out but yet someone like Ticket master has 5 ,000 tickets to a 15,000 seat venue. It's the same thing. They use it for profit and that's what he thinks we're trying to prevent is people using it for profit. We want people to enjoy it and use it for their own benefit but not for profit. That's at least where he comes down and what he feels is important.

Christy interjected, people that have two boats, if they have a fishing boat, she can assure them they're not leaving a fishing boat in Prairie Creek. She had a speedboat but she did not leave it on that dock. She stated she got rid of her dock for that reason at the time because she left it in for three weeks and it was a nightmare to clean. Pontoons are made for that water. She believes if you can only have one campsite, you should only have one dock because people sub-lease those docks. If you have 215 people waiting, do the math. If you have 20 people that have multiple docks and they have to take it down to one you're not going to have a wait list and Lake Tippe's dock fees are cheaper. Brad replied subleasing is and always has been a violation of the rules. If you see violations or know of them, he would recommend you report them to the office or the board and we can act accordingly on those.

Sandra Slavin wanted to remark about the Board considering one dock per campsite. She has a problem with there being a big waiting list yet people having multiple campsites. That doesn't make sense to me with the fairness issue. I mean, you know, let's don't be greedy here, let's try to let everybody enjoy the campground. So I know that you said this wasn't really the campsite issue, you know, but in conjunction with the dock spaces. I was just thinking about that. So it might be something to consider. James stated he didn't believe we have multiple campsite owners and Brad replied everyone only has one campsite. There are people with multiple docks, but one campsite has been and is the rule.

Ron Whitenack inquired about handrails stating he and his wife are older and his wife has eye problems. The pier they had last year was straight off the bank and they put a handrail on it. They showed it to the people there and they said it was good and it worked really fine. He inquired if there will be a chance to upgrade, if they are put on a floater, back to the kind he has now which is the straight wooden one and maybe put the floater on the end of it. Brad replied all of the wooden piers are going out and the floating pier is the new style that we're going with. We've had two years of installation of them and we're anticipating it will probably be two or maybe three more depending on financing. There are ADA piers available, so if that is something that would help, that is what we're recommending. We've never had ADA piers before, so that's something new last year that does help with accessibility.

Ron had an additional question for the Board as they had a mooring many years ago. They've been out there since 1966 and inquired if there was a chance to get back on the mooring which is on the other side of the road. Brad replied he didn't have an answer but doesn't believe so. He believes they have all been abandoned as we moved to the floating pier system but advised him to check with the office out at Prairie Creek.

Brad asked if there was any additional Board discussion and James stated he doesn't agree with making changes to people's leases that we've already signed for the year. He thinks that's going to cause way more issues. He would like to take this resolution we have and be able to study it because he only got to see it yesterday, and he really hasn't had a chance to review it. After what the public has said, he would like talk to the office staff about the multiple piers and have time to review as he wasn't aware people had more than two piers. He would like to get into that a little more and then vote for a change to approve or disapprove it at our next board meeting. That will give us time to research all these changes as we have a whole page of add-ons. He knows they're just transfers across but that's still a whole page. Chandra added it was very helpful to hear the public's opinion and review on these things and agrees that it would definitely be a mess if we did it now versus wait until next year. Her only question or maybe even concern because she thinks it was brought up at the last meeting, is with having the multiple piers, it being sold or transferred incorrectly, and having it pushed out until next year still allows that illegal action to take place. That's where she has a concern with the situation when someone is trying to make money off of the city for such a beautiful and great opportunity for the community.

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

- Chandra Parks nominated Dr. Shannon Powers. Motion was seconded by Brad Marshall. No other nominations presented.

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Meeting was adjourned by Brad Marshall, President.

*** Next Park Board meeting is currently scheduled for March 21, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.**

Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 4/30/24

Name (Please Print)

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