

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 5, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Slezak, Clerk Michael T. Leffler, Treasurer Tim R. Green, Trustee Matt Karr, Trustee Lori Tallman
Recording Secretary Jami Vert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Attorney David Lattie (on phone)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sergeant Sohmer, Dave Weir, Randall Stewart, Lorrie Callis, Travis Howell, Susan Spears, Don Cromwell, James Mays, Mark Dale, Deanna Leddick, Vanessa McCoy, Chloe Evoy, Shannon Earl, Michelle Davis, Chris Wright, Dennis Worvie, Janine Smith, Janet Polzin, Matt Smith, Jennifer Harris, Matt Thorpe, Officer Zecchini, Melinda Rogers, Officer Jennings, Mary Mitchell, Derrek, Cooper Austin, Kriten Kirby, Robin Waite,

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Slezak – want to amend the agenda and add closed session to discuss police tactics and strategies.

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to adopt the July 5, 2023 agenda with the amended portion as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Slezak – my responsibilities to keep the township residents safe; been in constant contact with Chief of Police and legal counsel; not an easy decision to make to close park until we could get this figured out.

Public comment opened up at 6:03 p.m.

Sergeant Sohmer, 1280 N Irish Rd, Davison, MI: in reference to Lake Callis closure; speaking on behalf of the Police force; we have been called numerous times for service involving but not limited to assault and battery's; juvenile runaways; carrying concealed weapons; fraud; possession of counterfeit money; larcenies; fugitives; destruction of properties; fights and disorderly conduct; one such recent event involved a young man carrying a ghost gun, which is a gun that is pieced together and has no serial number attached; it was brought to the attention of the police, when we approached the young man he attempted to run, the suspect forced officers to use force as the only way to take him into custody; he had a ghost gun with an extended magazine; large crowd surrounded the police officers; there were numerous police officers from other jurisdiction to help assist with crowd control; our officers did a fantastic job with stopping a potential shooting while facing great risks themselves and the general public; two officers receive minor injuries during this incident, officers had to wait over an hour with the rest of the suspects juvenile family members who were dropped off and left unattended; often police do not see any

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senior staff onsite and left to defer to seasonal help ranging from 16-20 years old; in another recent incident the officer was doing a cruiser check and found a 4 year old male riding an atv in the parks, the child was confronted and he told officers he was given permission by the parks employee; staff was asked about it and when confronted they said they did give permission; last week while a meeting was taking place to discuss the safety of the parks an incident took place a violent assault was happening between four girls undenounced to the board; the assault resulted in the underage girl getting her shirt ripped off and her breast exposed; those incidents I mentioned have all happened within the last month; our intentions are to keep the community safe and not simply close the park; we will continue to work towards making a safe resolution.

Dave Weir, 1121 N Cummings Rd, Davison, MI – would like to say a prayer; will everyone pray with me; sites a prayer.

Randall Stewart, 4090 Barker Dr, Clio, MI (not a township resident)– some know me some don't; I put the parks system in place several years ago; I built that park; I designed it; I know everything there is about that park; safety was one of our biggest concerns; we had long discussions on how to keep the parks safe; anytime you put a group of people together, mob motility rises; it becomes a problem; we had come up with a solution to put security guards out there; we had security guards out there every day when we opened the parks; police made drive-thru; this township has one of the finest police departments I ever known; nothing but the best to say about them; City of Davison would do drive-thru, Richfield Township would do drive-thru; and we didn't have problems; the problem of the parks is lack of management, security is a problem; we cut back on security; you get an occasional fight every now and then; this problem happens everywhere; in 2003 there was a study done and the number one thing everyone wanted was community engagement; they wanted a park, we gave them a park; the thought of closing this sickens me; we have a zero tolerance policy; put security back in there.

Lorrie Callis, 818 Kay St, Davison, MI (not a township resident): eldest daughter of the parks; here with lots of our family; why was it closed; trying to figure out why and what; assumed it was E.coli; we since learned there was incidents at the parks; we as a family are wanting to know how we can help; my dad's envision was for family's to enjoy a place to go because some of us can't afford a place up north; important to have local places to have places to go; he and my mom put \$10,000 dollars of their own money to help start this park; we purchased the Worvie property and that would help the township; dads vision as a park and the township to be able to use the parks; we know our world has changed and more security is needed; you can't walk in to a school without seeing an officer; don't mean we are going to cancel parks; we don't need a few people that don't want to follow the rules; as a teacher I would not allow kids to derail; we need to be resourceful; have zero tolerance; police force has done a great job; honor the commitment.

Travis Howell, 7180 Lebanon Trail, Davison, MI: here as a resident, chamber of commerce; and former trustee; we represent a wide variety of people; ensure residents understand that the community has a stake in our growth; 5k and festival of flags were successful with these events; appreciate Chief for helping; we have a gem right here in our township; parks are a pillar in our community; find new ways to make sure our community is safe; we need to work together.

Susan Spears, 2463 N Irish Rd, Davison, MI: was not in favor of Lake Callis opening when they did; I had the fear it would attract a lot of out of township residents and a tragedy; sure enough we had a drowning; no life guard on duty and still to this day no life guard on duty; limit it by showing ID from tax payers; make non-residents pay more; not in favor of having to pay more for police and our taxes going up because of this; I do feel that they should be paying for their

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own police and or security and life guard; this should not on every tax payer to have to pay.

Don Cromwell, 12312 Lapeer Rd, Davison, MI: lived in Davison more than 10 years; taxes have went up \$2,300; nothing has changed in my house; has the budget been over for years?; how much is the mound of dirt going to cost to remove; police should be making more money getting bullets slung at them; I get it, you want your kids to go somewhere; be responsible; have the money to pay for; it was a great dream; a dream for this family; a dream for this guy that built it, probably got rich off it; how are you coming in our township telling us how to run it; nothing against him; the truth is there is crime everywhere; deal is what a lake and public pool brings; watched a shooting in Bay City just a few feet away from me this year; we had a murder happen, which I know it is not the first; I bike that trail; I like the parks; I know we can't protect everyone; is every one of you ready to up your taxes to help pay for this sinking kitty of the parks; it is rough; maybe Genesee County Parks takes this over; I bet Ms. Reed makes pretty good money; parks are not open all year long; does it close down certain times of the year; it should have not been built here; it does cost a lot of money to run it.

James Mays, 2117 Holly Tree Dr, Davison, MI: there has been two murders here; one was my daughter; her husband poisoned her cereal with heroin; her husband was from Davison; he lived in Davison; some of these people are here; the parks has been associated with the park for my family and grandkids; park is two miles from my house; if you want to raise my taxes, let's talk about how much; the world has moved on.

Mark Dale, 10084 Hunt Dr, Davison, MI (not a township resident): see this a beautiful facility; tragedy that people want to come out and make trouble; parents are not taking responsibility; add security; add some on my taxes; don't just close down because of a few bad apples; get some more patrol and might deter some of this; should be safe for everyone to come out.

Deanna Leddick, 9921 N Eston, Clarkston, MI (not a township resident): I am one of the two full-time recreation coordinators that works for the Davison Township Parks; my office is right at Lake Callis; through the rest of the summer from today on we have 102 more programs and events yet to be held at Lake Callis; this includes: 5 ½ more weeks of day camp; beach yoga; kids swimming classes and so much more; events planned are camp 911; national night out; movie night out; and our annual trunk-or-treat and so much more; if Lake Callis were to close that would be canceling all those programs and events; it would also be canceling over 40 pavilion rentals that we would be making \$6,130 off of returns; and refunding \$16,280 in annual passes that have been purchased so far for the summer of 2023; there are a large number of those who paid in cash, so unfortunately it wouldn't just be us returning them it would be a lot of check request that would go to the Clerk's and Treasurer's Department and it is all out of the last fiscal year; it would also mean that the 26 staff hired to help would be out of a job and would be a loose of future jobs; this summer alone we received over 116 job applications to work at Lake Callis; if Lake Callis was such a bad place to work, then why do employees keep coming back year after year; and some of the staff that don't return some of their younger siblings work for us; this closure would affect the many sponsorships, grants, and donations that Lake Callis receives yearly; we recently submitted a grant for \$970,000 to build a fully accessible multiuse court and the entire Davison Township Board did approve; have a resolution signed back in November; if we close we lose that opportunity to bring that space to Davison Township; we all feel like family; we hang outside of work together; many staff members reach out to us; many have become great friends; they all are attending my wedding next month; if Lake Callis was a bad place these

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friendships would never happen; love my boss and staff and have no plans on leaving anytime soon.

Vanessa McCoy, 5066 Sashaba Rd, Clarkston, MI (not a township resident): although I am not a Davison Township resident, I am recreational coordinator of Davison Township Parks; I spend 40 hours a week at Lake Callis; I would hope you would know that all of us that work or help build it are not rich; only speaking for myself and experience; first I want to know if other parks departments including their directors are actually instructed not to approach misbehaving patrons because governing municipality may be held responsible if a staff member was to get injured and have to pay out workers comp; I have worked in public setting my whole adult life which includes parks and recreation positions as well as retail management; at any time that patrons are not following rules security is to get involved not employees responsible for running the operations of the organizations; I would like to also note that Lake Callis rules are township ordinances which by definition would make them a township law; by union contract staff should not be enforcing township ordinances, that responsibility lies with law enforcement and if unable to a third party security company; I would like address the lack of professional respect some of the board members show the parks director and parks staff; the board created a committee to micromanage the parks department which no other department head is required to do; then after that meeting board member Green is quoted "he is impressed at how organized Casey is in the parks; then board members Green and Karr said that was a great meeting; in those same meeting minutes no one brought up any issues and or concerns about Lake Callis staff or the department as a whole, but for unknown reasons it is felt to continue with the committee; additionally the board made personal changes in our department and approved next year's budget that removes payroll for a full-time employee, but failed to communicate any of those changes; the board approve to allow duck studies to be done with the US State Wildlife at Lake Callis without notify any of us; all time an organization would have to go through the department, but the board failed to communicate the inquiry; the board has also failed to communicate the plans of the new sledding hill that will directly affect the parks department and budget; they have not asked for feedback from any of the parks staff; the board has failed to communicate with our union rep, parks director and full-time staff with answers and concerns about employees jobs, job descriptions and the Davison Township employee handbook; it seems that there is a pattern of failing to provide with the necessary resources for the parks director and the departments staff to properly fulfill our role; I can't help but wonder why communication fails to happen with the parks director and our department is constantly struggling to have a voice in issues that affect our department and parks; I hope that moving forward the board learns from the situation and will give the director the proper resources and communication to be successful and take future recommendations made by the director seriously.

Chloe Evoy, 316 N Davison St, Davison, MI (not a township resident): worked at Lake Callis the past five summers; been a manager there the last three; I've never been in fear for my life or anything at Lake Callis or even feared for my safety; aside from I don't like telling people they can't have their own grills, stop smoking, turn down there music; but that is what I signed up for when I became a manager at Lake Callis; I was also there the night of the four-wheeler, they were told to stop and they were not given permission to keep riding the four-wheeler; sometimes people don't listen the first time; and obviously they didn't want to get in trouble with the police officers so they didn't tell the truth; I would like to say the Ms. Casey Reed is the best boss I could ever ask for; she cares about us as a staff; she even watches the cameras at night to make sure

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we make it safe to our cars; there are good days and bad days at Lake Callis; but I do believe there should be security present to have an authority present; lord knows I do not come back for the pay, I come back for the people; I believe Mr. Callis made this a great place and I believe the staff works hard to make this a safe place to come; I also help with the day camp which some of our kids are here today to help and love it here; I love Lake Callis and I do believe it is a safe place but we do need security to help us there.

Shannon Earl, 2729 Tiptree Pt, Flint, MI (not a township resident): pleasure to be the day camp director; first year to have it; filled up super quick; obviously our community wanted it and loved it; I have never felt unsafe with our day camp kids; we all have been trained as a staff and whole what to do in any situations that arrive which could happen anywhere; thank you for listening to our community; and you see how great of a turn out we have today.

Michelle Davis, 4026 N Vassar Rd, Flint, MI (not a township resident): I represent the 9th district; want a peaceful resolution; just hope you can come up with one; don't know what else you can do; but research.

Chris Wright, 1100 N Gale Rd, Davison, MI: I have a little different take as I live by it; it is a wonderful park; but I want to thank you for closing it because I had no idea what actually was going on at that park; and for everyone who has been up here and is in all support; you have to think of taxes and who live on Gale Rd; when we bought out there it was a great country spot, but close to a wonderful city; we get to hear all the gun shots to try and get the geese away; we get to hear all this since we live two doors down; I wonder if the spin would be a little different if everyone in the room was living next to it.

Dennis Worvie, 1196 N Gale Rd, Davison, MI: was my parents' property; great place; need security; need security at the dog park, they park there all night long; my family sacrificed a lot; we let the trail go in; in we have people coming in from outside, they need to be paying more; we have to keep it open for the community.

Janine Smith, 7420 Peregrine Ln, Davison, MI: it is fun place to go; amazing place; come with solutions; I have not heard solutions; we already pay for these passes; you scan my pass when we come, if we are to cause ruffraff you kick us out; get cameras; my son hopes it stays open; lets come up with other solutions other than raising taxes.

Janet Polzin, 9341 Lapeer Rd, Davison, MI: lived in Davison over 60 years; I was meeting over there during the festival for a family reunion; I pulled up got a handicap parking spot outside the pavilion; I was amazed at what I seen when me and my husband pulled up; I rolled down the window, I seen at least 100 kids or more under the pavilion listening to some young kid band that the music was unbelievably loud, the music was loud and the kids were cussing, hitting each other; I see no security; I seen no police; it was like 5 o'clock on a Friday evening; I told my husband I am not getting out of this car and going in there; it's ridiculous the kids were just ramped like mice all over, just doing whatever they wanted to do, taking cuts in front of family's that had been waiting in line with their kids; no control; number one problem with this park is teenagers; if you have kids that don't have sports they will find something to do; what better place than a park where it sits back in and they can meet up; they have some sort of Facebook thing were they tell each other were to meet; this did not happen overnight; this took years to get to where it is now; the parks employees are doing their job; we need to get rid of these teenagers, how, I mean nicely; if your under 18 you need to have an adult with you; you have to do something to restrict these kids from meeting and partying; smoking pot; we can get it back to where it needs to be with security; it will take a lot at first; but eventually we will be there; we

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can make it what is was meant to be.

Dana Austin, 3085 N Henderson Rd, Davison, MI (not a township resident): my kids have been raised in Davison; we have enjoyed many of the great amenities that they offer; my teenager works for Lake Callis; we need to pivot and adjust; we don't pull out of this; the community spoke once; pull politics out of it; we can make this work; Lake Callis is already here.

Matt Smith, 8228 Davison Rd, Davison, MI: Davison School Board Member; is there any other school board member here; well I am here because I care; anything that impacts the parks impacts the schools; don't know exactly what is going on, but we will watch the board meeting; whatever decision the board makes, do it publicly; don't table it; and then wait and sneak it on another agenda when the public is not here; whatever you do, do it in front of the community; as far as looking at the budget; Lake Callis is only a small part of the budget; I want to see the argument of the board; we have an election next year and we are all watching; I want to see what the Clerk's office is spending on Woodhill Group cost? If we are talking about cost, we need to look at all the budget; glad to see the community come out.

Jennifer Harris, 9304 Orchard Ct, Richfield Twp, MI (not a township resident): we are Davison made; park brought so much to the community; ramp up security; why just close?; why have it shut down; cut hours, don't make it so late; volunteer; really sad to see it go away.

Little kid: I have a lot of good memories; think about all the good memories; there has only been like three deaths; but don't focus on the bad, focus on the good.

Matt Thorpe, 2181 Hardwood Dr, Davison, MI: don't want my taxes going up; neutral on the parks; if they go up for something useful I am okay with that; we are allowing a couple people that are misbehaving that are changing our lifestyle; we can't go to the valley because of lack of security; I see that too much in this country, we roll over to the bad guys; I want you to make good decision; we should not just roll over and let this happen; if we do the bad guys win; of the people, by the people, for the people; please discuss this and make a good decision.

Officer Zecchini, 1280 N Irish Rd, Davison, MI: my personal experience; been working here since 2019; can tell you when we respond to calls, they are severe calls; we don't just go in there that can potential be swept under the rug; there is so much more you don't hear; we are continuing to go in there for the same crimes; I don't know if it management; we have arrested some really bad people out of there; what happens if something happens out there and we can't help; it is a wide variety of ages; parole convicts; kids, adults, kids unsupervised; the stuff we report on is severe.

Melinda Rogers, 2048 Hillsdale Dr, Davison, MI: worked at Lake Callis for 3 years now; I am a manager; I am there about 35 hours a week, night, day, holidays; never felt feared, never scared; I have situations at hand but I know our staff and police can handle it; I see kids having fun; 90% good and 10% bad; majority of the kids that come in they come in from Abernathy Park; we need to put a taller fence back there to control that.

Officer Jennings, 1280 N Irish Rd, Davison, MI: lived in Davison my whole life; my wife lived here; my whole family still resides here; I will tell you my kids will not attend the lake; maybe if I am there; they destroy the property; people riding four wheelers; staff members came to us because they are too afraid to enforce the rules; they call 911; all of us that work here have seen serious problems there.

Mary Mitchell, 2729 Tiptree Path, Flint, MI (not a township resident): my family has over 100 years in Davison, growing up I spent a lot of time in Davison; there are so many programs offered to the community; the board came together, cops; I understand there are a lot of crimes;

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in many different places these crimes are happening everywhere; crime will come; prepare and come together as a community; don't take something away from the children; stand up for our community.

Derrick Kiefer, Oak Rd, Davison, MI: this is a business; invested a ton of money into this; what is the next steps?; have you talked about how much it will cost to dismantle; give them a fine; get car dealerships to sponsor splash pad; we need to enforce rules; let's look at solutions; every school all day long has a police in there; a lot of people are looking to partner; I don't think some are looking for partnership; are we going to fill it in the park.

Cooper Austin, 3085 N Henderson Rd, Davison, MI (not a township resident): I am employed by Lake Callis; we do have bad customer, but we as teenagers have a great experience working here; Lake Callis has been and will continue to be a positive experience for Davison; it is unfair to blame certain group of people on this issue; as we are Davison we are united; we will get through this; we have been through a lot of stuff this last three years; with covid, politics; let's not make this political; if we can come together through those hard times we can come together through these hard times; let's do this.

Little kid: if you close Lake Callis what are the parents going to do during the summer; I love having time playing with other kids in the splash pad.

Kristen Kirby, 5148 Redwood Ln, Grand Blanc, MI (not a township resident): my ten year old goes to Lake Callis; I am not a township resident; last year he went to Davison Athletic; when I picked him up from camp this year he told me how much fun he has; it does scare me with what I have heard; but I do think it is more of an enforcement problem; like the fact of volunteers; if you do close it, it will cost money; if you do close it, you will still have problems; don't want to see it close; my family does go there; reach out to Grand Blanc or other townships to find a solution.

Little kid: hope Lake Callis does not close; it has been fun days there; it is really fun.

Robin Waite, 9024 Woodridge Dr, Davison, MI: I have been a kindergarten teacher at Thompson in Davison; every year when schools start, I have 100% of the kids tell me their fun times at the park; I grew up in Flint; I have seen many things close up in Flint; it is a shame; I would hate to see such a good establishment to close; let's work together for a solution.

Public comment period closed at 7:22 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS ON LAKE CALLIS RECREATION COMPLEX AND POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION TO TALK POLICE TACTICS AND STRATEGIES

Slezak – thanks for everyone coming; we will have discussion; if we go into closed session, we will exit out here and come back; talk from there.

Leffler – volunteers I like, but we will have serious repercussion for the township if you confront; great you would want to help; glad to hear staff come out and say that there was no fear of working there; however, your parks director contradicted that last week that she was in fear of confronting people; I feel if the teenagers trying to confront it will be an issue; liability; not just a case of keeping it open; I know the back ground; I don't want to see anyone get hurt out there.

Karr – no intention of closing the parks; you guys have given great feedback; so many great ideas; a security guard to have out there on the weekends and holidays will cost about \$13,000; we have the money, your taxes will not go up; I am the only board member that was part of this project; I am the only that has been here when we built Lake Callis; it is a gem; I am

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not going to let a couple bad apples destroy that; the kids that spoke you guys were great; so many different ways; we need to sit back and take your input; figure out a solution; do we not let teenagers in that don't have parents; we add a security guard; we post new rules; we have security guard enforce them; if they don't listen to them we ask them to leave; if they don't leave we have a police officer remove them and trespass them and they never can come back to our park again.

Green – my goal is not to permanently close Lake Callis; but we have a major issue out there; first off we were told by the director there was no really big issues, if you would have been at our last board meeting you would have known I asked a direct question what has happened in the park that we need more security; I was told like Leffler alluded to that she felt threatened last year when she confronted someone and that is why we need security; I asked what has happened this year?; not really much she said; then all of a sudden heck broke loose out there; we have issues with drugs; I don't know if you heard or not but you might want to ask your teenager about the point; the point is a meeting in the tiki hut to go get drugs and alcohol; there was a parent out there and there was a fight; it was 13 year teenage girls; one got her shirt ripped off and exposed her breast; the adult was filming it and took a picture of it and put it on the internet; this is what is going on in our parks; I don't think we should close it, but what I think we should do is number one take an independent study and thoroughly investigate what is going on out there; we were told in quote by an officer that they believe Lake Callis is an unsafe place to work most which are young teens who are 16-20 years; our staff and director leaves at 5 every night, never there; we need to find the where the problems are; is it management; is it training our staff; if there is a security officer out there they cannot do anything to them; we have had discussion on this; great you want to bring volunteers out there but that will only last about two weeks; there is very few people who are involved in the organizations; we have a great park; we spent a lot of money on the park; but we have to figure out the problem; Grosse Pointe Park has very strict rules; we followed the Chief's and our attorneys advised to close until we have something in place that will be safe for everyone.

Slezak – my door is always open to come sit down with me and talk about the issues that are going on; I did not leave my office at all today; nobody has a problem sitting down with all your; the decision I had to make, was not easy; I was here the whole weekend, driving by trying to figure out what to do; we need to get together and figure out what to do; Matt said on the weekend is \$13k, but this is happening all week long as well; we want you to call 911.

Tallman – want to thank all you for coming out; some might have come home from vacation, I did as well; I am an open book; local attorney; I will answer your questions; I fully support the parks; I have no intention of closing the park; we have two great gems in this community; those gems come responsibilities; I have grown up in this community my whole life; I don't expect a park to make money; they are never designed to make money; they bring non-monetary benefits to our community; you have a lot of benefits in this community; the crime will not go away; I have been in support to provide security for the parks; some of the other board members with the majority have not been in support consistent with what has been provided to what has been provided in the past; I fully support security for everyday; we are not dipping in our general fund; we have other funds; a lot of different ways to work and options available; lack of communication between the parks and board; I support our parks; we are being irresponsible for not providing; there are two separate issues; first is how do we get the parks back open; second is addressing the issues that are out there; we can have a special meeting to address this

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issue where there is opportunity for questions and answers; if we do something like that I hope each and every one of you show up; we have businesses that have booked time at the park to provide programming; I got a call today from a business how they are going to refund money for things that they have already booked; we have family's that have planned things; it is also irresponsible of us to not take easy appropriate quick action; I am a trustee and I am taxed just like everyone on this board to be fiscally responsible; that does not always mean cut backs or raising taxes; recently a parks advisory board committee was put together and no one came back with information with any solutions or advise; just on June 28, 2023 we passes our budget for next year; there were no proposals about cutting back or changing things, or about closing the parks, but suddenly now we have issues; now we have concerns about finances for the parks; those are the questions you need to ask yourself when you start voting for who is in this community, and who is going to represent you in this township; I encourage every single one of you to become an educated voter; come to your township meetings and we are here once a month; it is not always fun; there are some people that are here every month; find out what gets said in the meetings; find out where people stand, what they think, and what they are trying to do on this board and then you will realize who you want representing you in this community; some of you might choose to sit up here, but I am not sure at this moment why; I love this community which is why I am here tonight and which I made a lot of you aware of this; we need to make sure this continues to be a great community; with that being said I will make a

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to open Lake Callis effective tomorrow, July 6, 2023; that we approve security on the weekends from 9am to 9pm through the end of the season; keep security on the holiday weekends that was previously approved; and that we have police increase patrol in the parks; cost will be approximately be \$7k.

Leffler – would like to ask the Chief for his professional opinion, will it allow our parks safe for residents to come in?

Rendon – I don't think we should open it up until we have a sustainable solution; the best thing we can do is put our heads together to come up with a solution.

Tallman – can Mr. Lattie give his opinion on this matter.

Lattie – interesting meeting; tough problem you are trying to solve; based on the information Supervisor received last week there was major concern with safety; it was withing the authority of the Supervisor to close the park; know you have the board present and with the folks present at this meeting; what we need to do to overcome at a minimal level the liability concern to cause the closing of the park; add some level of security that provides confidence that we provided within the short term reasonable efforts to maintain everyone's safety; increase security is improvement with the conditions that were reported; the Chief raises a good point with the increase in security the commitment some additional attention by the police force; the Chief needs to weigh in on this if has this available to him; we do need a level of criminal enforcement in addition to deterrents, deescalate; issue criminal tickets; you do need to take action for extra security; want to hear more discussion from the police side; I know you have a motion on the table with a second on the table; we need to make sure this short term will help; we need to work on the long term still; let's see if we can't get the ball across the line.

Rendon – I understand that everyone wants the parks to be open; being an attorney out there, you are going to have an attorney out there why the hell did you open this park back up.

Tallman – you can trip and fall and sue.

Rendon – if it is predictable, it is preventable.

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Tallman – not always.

Slezak – I know there is a motion on the board, it is something we need to discuss; close the park earlier.

Karr – we have kids that go to the park; we have always had security out there; you are always going to have kids out there smoking weed; it is temporary to get the parks open; what are we going to put up for stipulations; Casey came to us back in February and asked for extra security on the weekends and holidays.

Rendon – I don't think we can sacrifice people's safety while we are in a trial-and-error period; you wouldn't jump on an airplane that is half built to take a trip; we need to get this thing solid; and it will take some time and discussions before we can open that up and feel confident that yes people are going to be safe.

Tallman – we have always had security on site for holidays and weekends; the request has been made twice by Casey.

Slezak – I don't think anyone of the board members want the park to close; we don't get to pick and choose what day something happens; there is more to it; did not take this lightly; did not have a great holiday weekend; ask officers who was here all weekend; when we don't have staff to go over there, someone will get hurt; have a discussion; will not happen overnight; right now we need to come up with a better solution; we are not done here tonight; love the energy; love to have the conversation.

Reed – we cannot keep the day camp at Williams; we don't have the license for that; has to go back to Lake Callis by Monday.

Green – everyone voted for the security; in fact, our security budget is 2 ½ times larger than in the past; it was stated in the M-live paper today by our director that there are no major security issues out there; FOIA the police reports and you will see there is a lot of issues out there; we were not told there were many issues out there; does security help?

Rendon – security really does not have authority; if the individual wants to comply then that works; they don't have the authority to detain or anything.

Green – at the festival of flags we have four of our officers and security when a person with a gun was confronted.

Karr – I think the kids will listen to the security guard more than the 16-year-old.

Slezak – recommendations Lattie.

Lattie – go into a closed session to talk about police enforcement and strategies.

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to go into closed session to talk police tactics and strategies. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to come out of closed session. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tallman – I will amend my motion

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR that Lake Callis will open effective July 6, 2023; park hours will be reduced from the 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; security guard will be on duty from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Thursday; and security guard will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Green – Chief you are comfortable with this?

Rendon – for now this is the best we have come up with; this is nothing permeant; we have a long road a head of us; sitting down working together as a team and coming up with a

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solution; but as of right now this is what we feel is best.

Green – so we will have security there tomorrow from 2-7 p.m.?

Reed – I will have to call and see how fast I can get them there.

Slezak – you will have to cancel the ones that are after the closing time.

Tallman – adjust the other ones early in the day.

Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Slezak – I think we have a good board; we don't always agree, but that is what makes it great; we will still be working these issues out; I really appreciate the Callis family; and I really appreciate the public coming out; whether the public agree with us or not, it is good to have that.

Leffler – are you going to talk to them about the sign-up sheet?

Slezak – we are going to have another sheet for some volunteers to be able to sit on the parks advisory board, you can sign up with my assistant; thank you again for coming out; thank our police every day for all they do; there is a lot of stuff you don't here that goes on; thank the officers for getting this open tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Slezak, Supervisor

Michael T. Leffler, Clerk