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Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District
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Attention: Mike Kraft, Board President

Re: Letter of Resignation

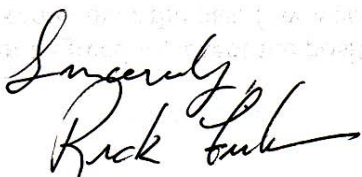
Dear Mike,

I write to you today, after careful deliberation and more than a bit of anguish, to convey my formal resignation from the position of Concessionaire at Fallen Leaf Lake. I have concluded that the Fallen Leaf venture would cause irreparable damage to my business, my family and most probably, my sanity. Effective February 24, 2010, (on which we discussed my resignation over the phone), please accept my resignation, and resulting termination of the 2/7/10 Commercial Concessionaire Contract.

When I agreed to accept the position, I did so with the utmost optimism and excitement. But as you know, over the past few weeks I have been subjected to unrelenting viral attacks on my personal character. It has become clear to me that my ability to succeed in this endeavor has been irrevocably compromised by those who have essentially dragged my name through the mud with their vicious e-mails. The campaign to undermine my ability to do business on an even playing field is impossible with the current level of vitriolic hostility. One campaigner stated that he hopes I "fail miserably" and another referred to my hiring as possibly "creating a monster"! Yet another suggested that "the community would be better off without a store/café than enter into an agreement with Firkins". So, simply put, this is not a good match – I am not right for the Lake, and the Lake is not right for me. Good burgers, BBQ and ice cream will not fix the vicious divide in the Fallen Leaf Community, and the air out there is too toxic for my taste. I have a full and very happy life ~ it is filled with love, opportunity and financial success and I have the time now to enjoy all of it.

Former board president Dana Clark best explained in his Jan.10, 2010 letter, "I have chosen to invest my time in the many positive events happening in my life"

I want to express my sincere gratitude to you and to all of those who supported my placement for this position at the Lake. I truly appreciate all of the hard work you have put into the CSD's efforts to work with me. I sincerely apologize to anyone I may have let down with this decision. I hope that you understand my reasoning, and again, I thank you for your consideration and support.



Rick Firkins Feb. 26, 2010