

Harvey County Parks Advisory Board

Meeting – West Park

August 15, 2016

Members present: Carolyn Schwab, Pat Jackson, Carol Buller, Zack Phillips, Cynda Conrade, Jack Bender, Ron Hoffman and Brittany Welch

Members Absent: Brandon Wills, Bill Kiehl

Staff Present: Parks Director, Kass Miller & Operations Supervisor, Derrick Richling

Minutes: Minutes for the July meeting were approved with corrections. Corrected copy will be sent to Kass for the web site.

Directors Report: Kass Miller

Kass introduced the newest park ranger, Adam Curtis. Zack thanked him for joining the board; gave him a brief overview of the goals of the board & then each member introduced themselves.

- Harvey County Parks has purchased a ½ page ad in the Harvey County Magazine which is published once a year.
- Kass passed out photos of recent fly-in event & water war held at East Park.
- Working on budget – will bring to next meeting for board review & talk about pricing.
- Walnut Grove Shower House – walls & ceiling done – now ready for interior completion which will be done by park staff.
- Cast Netting – has been approved. Participants will be issued a Special Use permit & must give 48 hour notice to secure the permit. This is only for non-commercial fishing.
- Kass & Derrick discussed the military discount to be given over Memorial Day weekend & feel a flat 20% discount will be best way to handle this.
- The parks will not receive any monies from FEMA for damage to road into West Park due to recent flooding. Discussion with Road & Bridge – best way to repair is move the road further west. No date has been set to complete.
- Memorial at Osage Nature Trail was dedicated privately. It was covered by the Kansan afterwards.

Operations Report – Derrick Richling:

- Had line break at Camp Hawk which has been repaired.
- Working on repairing the bridge that was washed out in the Osage Nature Trail area.
- Derrick showed an item that was taken from East Lake that was used for “jug fishing”. This is not allowed at the parks.
- West Park – working on the trails –had a scout group come out & help do some trimming, etc.
- West Park – had a faucet break by the gazebo – replaced it with a freeze proof faucet.

Old Business:

- **Bath House** – see Director's Report
- **Throw Nets** – See Director's Report

Military Discounts: Ron Hoffman moved that all law enforcement, Fire, EMS, 911 Dispatchers, be included to receive the same discount on Memorial Day weekend as approved for military personnel. Jack Bender seconded.

Discussion/Comments:

- Would this include unpaid volunteers from these different entities?
- Would you include full & part time individuals?
- How would it be monitored? Kass commented he would not challenge anyone for identity. Would be on honor system.
- Perhaps hold a different weekend – if this would be approved.
- How much additional work would it be for the rangers?

Zack called for a vote – Motion was denied. Zack suggested since there were so many variables (unanswered questions/comments) that this be brought up at a later date to discuss specifics.

New Business:

Horse Trail Scavenger Hunt: Has been postponed until September 24th. Will meet with Carol, Cynda & Pat to discuss plans for this event.

Board Member Comments:

Ron Hoffman commented again on the need to secure cell phone service at East Lake. He had met with John Waltner & he is supportive. Ron will be getting more information on this & suggested that perhaps a special committee might be needed at a later date.

No further discussion – Carol moved, Carolyn seconded that meeting adjourn. Motion carried

Next meeting – September 19th – at East Lake

Respectfully, Pat Jackson, Secretary