

Harvey County Parks Advisory Board
Meeting – Camp Hawk

July 18, 2016

Members present: Pat Jackson, Carol Buller, Zack Phillips, Cynda Conrade, Bill Kiehl, Brandon Wills, Carolyn Schwab, Brittany Welch, and Ron Hoffman

Members Absent: Jack Bender

Staff Present: Operations Supervisor, Derrick Richling

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted.

****Note: In the absence of Parks Director, Kass Miller, Derrick gave a combined Operations Report & Directors Report****

Directors Report - Operations Report – Derrick Richling:

- East Lake – They held a “water wars” event – lot of kids filled water balloons & “shot” them – said were around 15 -20 kids present. Later, Walton Fire Dept. brought out their fire truck & sprayed people using water pumped from the lake. This brought even more people for the activity – in excess of 30 participated. Ron Hoffman suggested a thank you be sent to the fire department for volunteering their services.
- They plan to have an R/C (radio controlled) fly in on July 23rd. During the day these enthusiasts will be demonstrating at Walton’s Landing area & then have a night flight on camper’s row complete with LED lights.
- West Park – Held a 2 day Cub Scout encampment – also boy scouts came out & did some community service work – cleaning up & picking up trash.
- **Flooding:** Both East Lake & West Park had to be evacuated due to flooding over the Fourth of July. The Walnut Grove area at West Park had 3 to 4 feet of water covering it. Some individuals left their campers at the park & luckily they did not receive any damage – water up to wheels – but did not get inside. The road around Walnut Grove area was completely washed of all top covering. Road & Bridge came out and put down gravel as soon as they could on the main road by the bait shop. Shelter Building #2 was flooded, but no damage. They do not expect to get any FEMA assistance as the damage estimate does not meet the requirement to apply for assistance. They do plan to lay down recycle material on the roads damaged by flood waters. The plan to reroute the road away from the creek is on hold – as it estimated it could cost upwards of \$300,000 to do this. Bill asked about volunteer help when something like this happens (trash, trees, etc.). Derrick said they have used volunteers (such as the scouts) but this was so intense, the park staff handled most of it & they are about 90% done.

Old Business:

- **Progress on bath house:** The flooding destroyed all the utility markings – so they have to have those marked again before foundation work can start. Ex Cat Construction will dig the footings & pour the foundation in preparation for the Prestress Concrete.
- **Cast Netting:** Derrick reported that Kass had been in contact with Jessica Mounts of wild life & parks and she does not feel there would be any problem of removing shad by this method from the lake. She said the population of bait fish in the lake is plentiful. As long as they are dead and meet the 12” length & use nets with holes 3/8” to 1/2” and for non-commercial use it would be legal.
- **Discussion/Questions:**
 - Ron Hoffman asked about the time it would take for staff to police this harvest method. Derrick commented as long as it benefits the parks, they would find a way to handle this.
 - Special Use Permits – this is what Kass suggested which would mean they would not have to go through the long process of changing park rules/regulations to allow cast netting.
 - What about West Park – Derrick commented it could be done, but they do have a bait shop at West Park where we sell bait/gold fish.
 - How would the special use permit be set up? Once a month – time – seasonal permit- etc..
 - Bill suggested we table further discussion on this matter until the next meeting & staff has time to review the Special Use Permit. Carol agreed – would like to wait for more detailed information. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.
- **Military Discounts:** Derrick reported that Kass received information from some of the lakes in the South Central Region where Harvey County Parks is a member. None of these lakes offer military discounts. It was noted these are not State Lakes, which some of them do offer discounts.
- When could/should we offer a discount:
 - Memorial Day –(over memorial weekend)
 - 4th of July
- How much of a problem would it be for rangers to check if someone is qualified to receive discount.
- Brittany – how about self-pay station – Derrick replied they could put up a temporary signage for whatever weekend the discount applies. The self-pay stations are honor system – there would not be any way you could check everyone that paid at these stations.
- Derrick asked what about law enforcement or EMT individuals that frequent the lakes.

Zach called for decision – there are a lot of ideas given by members. **Ron Hoffman moved that we give a military discount to veterans – active or retired and let the park staff come up with what holiday weekend to allow the discount. Bill seconded.** Under discussion – Brandon felt that memorial weekend would be the best weekend to offer this discount. **Brandon**

moved to amend Ron's motion to give the military discount over Memorial Day weekend. Carol Buller seconded. Motion carried.

Ron's motion now reads that we give a military discount to veterans (active or retired) over the Memorial Day weekend holiday. Bill seconded. No further discussion – motion carried.

New Business:

New Ranger:

They have a new ranger, Adam Curtis- he started July 18th. He comes from a military background – was a tank driver. He will shadow Derrick for training for most of the remaining season before he patrols on his own. He plans to attend our next meeting.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Bill Kiehl nominated Zach Phillips – Ron Hoffman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman: Cynda Conrade nominated Brandon Wills. Carol Buller seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Secretary: Brandon Wills nominated Pat Jackson. Ron Hoffman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments:

Zach asked how many rangers does the park have now - Derrick replied – Stuart Scott, Jerry Howe, Adam Curtis, Carol Dilts, Naturalist/Ranger, plus himself & Kass. Karen Jacobs is the customer service Rep. & Seasonal Bait Shop, Harper Zonger & Loretta Cook.

Zach commented we need to continue to get information about the Harvey County Parks out on social media. Harvey County Parks are not listed in the Trip Advisory. We have to do a better job of getting this information out to the public.

Derrick commented that West Park had several Pokémon Go participants at the park earlier in the month. They were walking the horse trails.

No other comments – Bill moved, Brandon seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 15, 2016 at West Park

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, Secretary.