

## Harvey County Parks Advisory Board

Meeting – East Lake

May 15, 2017

Members present: Brandon Will, Pat Jackson, Carol Buller, Zack Phillips, Bill Kiehl, Jack Bender, Brittany Welch, Carolyn Schwab and Ron Hoffman

Members Absent: Cynda Conrade

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

Minutes: Minutes for the April meeting were approved with corrections. (corrected information regarding individuals that do Beaver control – they did not “move” out of state – they never had a contract with the State of Kansas).

### **Directors Report: Kass Miller**

- Bait Shop at West Park is now open for business. Had some delay due to computer “hacking” that occurred along with other businesses “held for ransom”. Took some time to work through the problems. Feel they are back up in good working order.
- New Trucks: Both are in – had to send the 250 back as it did not come as was specified by the parks department.
- Food Truck Event held at East Lake on Saturday 5/13 was a success. The Willow Bend area was almost full. Remote control planes were demonstrated during the event. They also held Movie Night that evening..all went very well. Bill asked if the food truck vendors commented on whether the event was profitable for them. Kass replied he spoke to one vendor who said early in afternoon they had already made enough money to make the event worthwhile. Carolyn asked if this could be done more than once a year & Kass commented they planned to do it again.
- They are working on the possibility of getting Wi-Fi at East Lake which will be a large benefit for park staff. There is also a possibility of having Wi-Fi available at each camp site – perhaps later on. They are working with Kanokla, Inc.
- Met with Ben Postlethwaite of Westar Green Team, to discuss installing a bridge over river at West Park that would start from behind the Stone Shelter & cross over to the center loop area on the east side of the river. This would be a large benefit for traffic from the Walnut Grove area – especially for scout rendezvous access to the west side of the river without having to use the road.

### **Operations Report – Derrick Richling**

- Camp Hawk – Nothing to report
- East Lake – Boat motor has been repaired & staff was able to get onto the lake to get the buoys put back in their proper place.
- Nothing new to report on the Archery range project – they are working on finalizing this project & reviewing necessary waiver(s).

- West Park – Shower House in Walnut Grove area is done & open. Have a few “opening issues” that they are working on. Road & Bridge had given them some recycled asphalt to use to spread around the shower house – however, it was decided this material would not hold up to traffic, etc. They ordered & spread approximately 24 ton of rock around and also have barriers in place for security purposes.
- Working on lake overflow problem near the dam. They did lay a tube for drainage to help with this problem –and will continue to work on this area after it quits raining & the ground dries out.
- Camp Hosts: Bill asked if they had a Camp Host at West Park yet – Kass replied they do not. He had 2 apply and neither met necessary qualifications.

### **Old Business:**

- **Shower House:** (See Derricks report)
- **ATV’s:** Kass has discussed this situation with the park staff and they are of the opinion ATV’s should be banned from the parks. However, Kass does not recommend this tactic at this time. They have talked with the sheriff & there could be a possibility that rangers would be allowed to write citations for violators of rules of the park regarding ATV’s. He would like to hold off on any decisions until this avenue is explored further. He feels if fines for rule violations could be enforced, this “might” help eliminate some of the problems.
- Jack Bender commented he noticed over mother’s day weekend, that young swimmers were in the swim area at West Park without adult supervision at times. Kass commented Rangers are supposed to be policing the swim beach & advising young swimmers they need adult(s) present. He will check into this.
- **Budget:** Kass asked for comments from board members on any questions/comments, etc that they had to the budget proposal that was given to them at the last meeting.
  - Reviewed & discussed proposed cabins that will be available to rent. They anticipate these will be pre-built buildings – will have bed, water for shower & sink. Also propose small AC units.
  - Carol asked if a thought had been given for a dog area, not necessarily a dog park. Kass said this has been discussed at length & at present they do have some fencing that could be utilized that would cut down expense. It would be a matter of finding the time to prepare the enclosure. Also, need to check on liability issue, if any.
  - Carol asked about siding residence in West Park – Kass advised this would probably be hired out and not done by park staff.
  - Bill asked about fence around residence at West Park – Kass commented it would be mainly for privacy for tenant.
  - Proposed 50 AMP service – Bill asked if this could be done a few at a time – instead of all at once. Kass replied it would cost more to “piece-meal” this project as opposed to installing this service all at once.

## **New Business:**

**A. Time Clock Portal:** This new system is in place and easier for staff & employees to manage their time and is a more up to date system for managing staff hours.

## **B. Election of Officers:**

Chairman, Brandon Will called for nominations from the floor for officers for 2017/2018:

**Chairman:** Brandon Will nominated Bill Kiehl for Chairman. Jack Bender seconded. Bill accepted the nomination. No further discussion – Motion carried.

**Vice Chairman:** Carol Buller nominated Jack Bender for Vice Chairman. Ron Hoffman seconded. Jack accepted the nomination. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** Brandon nominated Pat Jackson, Carol Buller seconded. Pat accepted the nomination. No further discussion. Motion carried.

## **Board Member Comments:**

Zach commented that the roads in the blue stem area are pretty rough. Kass commented it has been graded – just need to get more material on it.

Bill Kiehl asked about Old Business that had been dropped – what about cell tower for East Lake. Ron Hoffman commented on the Walton tower that has been proposed. There is some problem with the land that the tower would go on – ownership and/or who would get the lease. Ron said he would follow up on this. Derrick commented if a tower went up in Walton, it was doubtful they (the carrier) would put up another one in such close proximity as East Lake.

Jack asked if anything was being done about a cell tower at East Lake. It was not known at this time the status of this situation. Kass was only aware of the internet service that received permission to put their equipment on tower at East Lake for Wi-Fi service.

No further discussion – Carolyn Schwab moved, Jack Bender seconded meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, June 19, 2017 – Camp Hawk

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, Secretary.