

Harvey County Parks Advisory Board

Minutes – Meeting November 17, 2014

East Park

Members Present: Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips, Derrick Richling, Carolyn Schwab, Jim Lasiter, Greg Brenzikofer, Terry Gowin, Cynda Conrade

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Parks Director, Kass Miller

Special Guests: County Administrator, John Waltner & Commissioner Randy Hague

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved with small corrections.

Operations Report – Kass Miller:

The second music jam held at West Park was very successful. They plan another on December 6th at West Park in Stone Shelter #2.

Shelters continue to be rented.

West Park had a break-in in the storage area. Sheriff Officers have increased patrol of West Park and the camp host is checking the area more often.

A controlled burn at East Park got a little “out of control” burning more than they had planned. But no damage was done to property.

Directors Report – Kass Miller

They have hired a full time maintenance person – Jerry Howe.

Carol Dilts has been doing some educational promotion around the area.

In checking on the insurance issue (hunting, etc.) most of the other parks surveyed are self-insured. Our cost for insurance has been \$300 approximately. Anthony Swartzendruber, from the county, still recommends we have insurance if hunting is allowed. Kass reported he only had one inquiry into hunting this year & it was a minor which would have required adult supervision.

Old Business:

Kass & staff had a meeting with the mowers from last year and they went over items to change/improve upon next year. The main issue would be to outline where they wanted the mowing done. They plan to bid this out again next year. It was noted that park staff can still mow if it is needed.

Still waiting on the issue of replacing West Park shower houses.

New Business:

None

Board Member Comments:

None

Chairman, Zack Phillips then called a recess for members & guests to enjoy refreshments brought in by members & staff and a general time of fellowship.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45

The rest of the evening was devoted to members writing down a “wish list” of things they would like to see done at Harvey County Parks – improvements – changes, etc. Chairman Zack read a brief overview of some of the suggestions/comments. In general, it appeared the members would like to see the parks promoted better through advertising, social media, etc.

These suggestions/comments were handed over to Kass to review & compile results.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: January 12, 2015 – Camp Hawk

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary