

Harvey County Parks Advisory Board

Minutes – Meeting February 16, 2015

West Park

Members Present: Zack Phillips, Derrick Richling, Carolyn Schwab, Jim Lasiter, Terry Gowin

Members Absent: Pat Jackson, Greg Brenzikofer, Cynda Conrade

Staff Present: Parks Director Kass Miller

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved with a correction to the dollars allocated towards development of the Horse Camp at East Park from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00

Operations Report – Kass Miller

- Working on several facility maintenance activities.
- Cleaned and sealed the floor of Volunteer Hall & West Park Community Center.
- Pulled trees out of hay fields.
- Cutting trees on the dam at East Park and treating with Tordon.
- Repairing Picnic tables
- After the Trappers Rendezvous the mole mounds were easy to see so the Varmint Getter has been getting quite a bit of use

Director Report – Kass Miller

- As of Feb 1, there is a tenant in the house.
- Kass met with advisory group on the plans for the memorial area at West Park. Need weather to cooperate for clearing and cleaning the area.
- Kass had a lunch meeting with David Welfelt and Brad Guhr to discuss the nature trails at both East and West Parks. They have helped burn the trails in the past.
- Kass composed a letter for local businesses on sponsorship and donations to support the Easter Egg Hunt.
- There is a continuing education opportunity for park staff on March 22/23 at Cedar Bluff on collecting Walleye eggs. Stu, Jerry, & Kass will attend.
- Kass met with the Dillon Nature Center to discuss a State Eco Meet at West Park. They would be allowed to use the shelters at no charge
- Providing an estimate of \$13,000.00 for plumbing and electrical supplies needed for the proposed new shower/restroom facilities in Walnut Grove at West Park for presentation to Rod Nicholson. Hope to get help from the Rhodes foundation and Prestress Concrete.
- C.A.S.T. event will be held June 13
- Zach asked how fishing was at the parks. Response of very few people fishing – real slow although a few catfish being caught at West Park

Old Business:

- Lloyd Stoddard has been released to return to work. His last day will be March 27 as he is retiring April 1.
- Discussion on contract mowing of all three parks versus using staff to mow. The discussion was tabled to allow Kass to work up a detailed analysis of cost and present at next meeting.

New Business:

- Trappers Rendezvous was a great success with record attendance. 6202 people were registered, but estimated that there were at least 1000 more people in attendance. Everything ran quite smoothly with only one minor emergency situation. Had lots of positive comments on the new water line. Zach commented that the success is an indication of people enjoying the excellent facilities, the event reputation and excellent coordination and work by park staff.
- Kass is exploring costs of printing of potential promotional materials with Mennonite Press such as a calendar, campfire cookbook, and postcards for sale in the Bait Shop. The post cards would have an aerial picture of Trappers Rendezvous. There would be 8 different postcards. Prices are volume dependent.
 - 8 Postcards: 100 each – \$130.02; 500 each - \$252.19
 - 26 page cookbook plus front and back cover: 100 each – \$431.78; 250 each – \$639.35
 - Could have a contest with Commissioners taste testing. Winner to receive a seasonal pass.
 - 18 month calendar: Cost prohibitive – 250 each - \$3460.91; 500 \$3703.71
 - Pocket Calendar 500 each - \$723.85; 1000 each – \$1259.56
 - Year at a Glance Calendar (8"x11") 12 month tri-fold, mailer on back: 100 each - \$157.95; 1500 each – 659.93. idea to use a picture we have on file for first year, then a photo contest for next year with winner getting a prize/reward.
- Fourth of July fireworks too expensive to consider. An alternate idea of getting Luminaries with soy candles and sell to campers as a fund raiser. Luminaries cost about \$1.00 - \$1.50 each. They can be made of dissolvable paper with about a 1 hour life. Thoughts were that if used the soy candles and dissolvable paper there would not be a mess to clean up on the shores and no contamination of the water.

Board Member Comments

- Jim caught 3 bass averaging 4 lbs at East Lake last week.

With no other business to discuss Zack ask for a motion to adjourn. Jim motion, Carolyn second – motion carried

Respectfully submitted

Terry Gowin