

HARVEY COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING CAMP HAWK

July 20, 2015

Members present: Cynda Conrade, Carolyn Schwab, Jim Lasiter, Pat Jackson, Carol Buller, and Brandon Wills

Members Absent: Zack Phillips

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

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

Operations Report – Derrick Richling:

- **East Park:** Cleaned out the volley ball pit in preparation for the mud volley ball tournament. After scraping away the top sand layer, they used the rest of the sand to extend the swim beach about 20 feet. They also filled in around the playground equipment where needed.
- Doing tree trimming & road repair as much as they can.
- Bluestem bathhouse: The drainage had not been working – it was thought it was a plumbing issue. However, it was found that the lagoon was too full – they pumped it down approximately 4-5 feet & now bathhouse working okay.
- Various EMT & Fire Department staff from around the county with boats, came out to East Park for practice on water rescue, etc. Derrick said there were approximately 15-20 staff members from various entities. It was very informative as to what is available throughout the county & services that are provided for water rescue.

- **Camp Hawk:** They have been cleaning up storm debris & moved the brush pile.
- Some of the Frisbee golf goals need repair.
- Removed the dock from Camp Hawk & will be moved to be utilized at West Park. Road & Bridge will haul the dock to West Park.

- **West Park:** Getting prepared to replace dock with the one removed from Camp Hawk.
- Other floating dock needs repair; appears to have a leak on one side. If this cannot be patched, they will remove the bad section, making the dock smaller. It would cost around \$1200 to replace this one section.
- Doing road repair- but somewhat at a disadvantage without a working tractor at West Park.
- Doing tree trimming & removing downed trees around camping area.
- Did fish stocking right before the 4th of July at both West Park & East Lake.

Directors Report – Kass Miller:

- Kass introduced the newest park board member, Brandon Wills. Brandon works in the environmental department of Westar Energy. He and his wife have 4 children & just recently moved to a rural residence in Harvey County near Walton. Brandon was welcomed to the advisory board.

- The past weekend was very busy at East Park – Kass likened it to Memorial Day traffic.
- Kass informed the board that Harvey County Parks will receive \$40,000 from the Rhodes Foundation to go towards replacement of the shower house in the Walnut Grove area of West Park. Plans are to start demolition after Labor Day. They will receive \$20,000 this year & \$20,000 next year. They hope to complete the project by the beginning of next season. They will be using prestress concrete – this will not be considered a storm shelter – but is better than what is there now.
- The mud volleyball tournament was very successful. They had 6 teams & have already received calls to do it again next year.
- The volleyball tournament was the last event planned on the Calendar of Events for this season. They will continue with fireside chats & movie under the stars for the rest of the season.
- Kass asked members to bring back ideas for park events for 2016 to our next meeting. He would appreciate any/all suggestions the members might have. Some of the events they planned from this year did not work – some went over very well.
- Bruce, one of the camp hosts at West Park has resigned effective immediately. The other hosts (Ford's) will remain for the rest of the season.
- Camp Hawk due to recent rains, the spillway crossing has flooded out. They are going to have to move dirt into this area so the person that farms can get across into the field.
- Budget – Kass thought he would have this information for us to review at this meeting, but the final hearing was postponed – he should have it by next meeting.

Old Business:

- Dock at West Park –(See Directors Report)
- Update on R/C planes at East Park – This radio control plane group will receive a non-expiring special use permit for water landing at Walton's Landing in East Park. They MUST BE A MEMBER of the group & have their membership card with them to fly in this area. They MUST GIVE A 24 HR NOTICE before coming to the park. If they do not have a membership card, rangers are to report this to the club – a 2nd time warning – membership could be revoked. They are to remember that common courtesy will prevail (fishing in the area to receive priority usage).

New Business:

- Update Park Board Application: Kass asked members to review the present board application for new board members. He would like to see a little more information added to give to the commissioners for review when an individual is applying for membership. He would like suggestions brought back to the next meeting.
- FEMA – The parks will receive \$22,118.44 from FEMA for damage assessment from recent flooding. The government will pay 75% - State will pay 10% and the remaining 15% will come from the county.
- Kass reported the main project is to replace a bridge in the Osage trail/horse trail area at East Park that was completely washed out.

Board Member Comments:

- Cynda asked if there had been any more 4 wheeler problems at West Park. Derrick commented he had not seen too many lately. There were a couple of young kids on 4 wheelers on the horse trails. They were stopped and turned over to their parents.
- Carol Buller asked to be updated on some of the older issues (since coming back on to the board)
- 1) What about monthly rental of camp sites at West Park? Kass replied they do not have any at this time & people that have requested monthly rental have not followed through once they found out what the rules are.
- 2) What about the old barn at the East Park horse trail head? Kass – We are allocated \$10,000 to demolish this barn & start development on this area into overnight camping.
- 3) Has anyone been asked to tear down the barn in exchange for the old wood & other materials? Kass- We want the old wood. Plan to use it in volunteer hall –possibly as wainscoting for inside walls for a more rustic look. Also plan to use the metal to make a larger more visible entrance sign into East Park.
- 4) What about the lagoon at that location? Kass – It is non-operational – they are in the process of gradually filling it in with trash, tree limbs, etc.
- 5) What about the old shop, again at that location? Kass – It will be torn down also – the bathroom is not functional.
- Pat asked about the water in the area? Kass- The water & faucet are still there – however, it is in a bad location & will be moved once development of the area begins.

No further discussion – Jim moved, Carolyn seconded that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be August 17th at West Park.

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, secretary

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