

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
August 15, 2011 Held at Camp Hawk

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips, Jim Lasiter, Carol Buller, Debbie Cobb, Norman Alexander, Dorothy Zook, Jerry Vetter, Derrick Richling

Members Absent: Walt Silvernale

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Lloyd Stoddard, Shannon Metz

Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports:

Camp Hawk: **Kass:** Doing maintenance & trimming of trees. Have Eagle Scout contract to help with the trimming around the pond. Road & Bridges may cut down the dead cottonwood - but will need help later on cleaning up debris. Shannon suggested this could be a good work day project for board members. Will not stock fish due to low water at Camp Hawk

East Lake: **Kass:** Slow business due to the caution of blue-green algae in the lake. They are only allowing fishing boats on lake & only trolling speed. Water is checked every Monday - hoping to get the caution lifted before labor day weekend - but not sure. They are cutting back hours in the bait shop; one maintenance helper is gone for the season.

West Park: **Lloyd:** reported there was a lot of storm damage - lot of trees down. Road & Bridge had to bring heavy equipment to clear debris from one of the roads. As far as he knows, they do not have algae problem at West Park. **Shannon** reported that the pipeline company did install the fence & gate as promised. She also reported they have been busy at West Park; did around \$3,000 worth of business at the bait shop this past weekend. They have received calls asking about access to East Lake & their algae problem. This could account for the increase at West Park visitors.

Committe Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Need to start thinking about hunting season. Kass recommends that quail & pheasant hunting not be offered. Consider bow turkey hunting & duck/goose hunting. Krueger Insurance will work with us again regarding require insurance.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - AC at volunteer hall not working right; called in Grabers to check on it for needed repairs. Have been told the AC is just not big enough for the size of the building when it has been this hot.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: No report

Old Business: No decision made yet regarding rental fees for West Park Hall.
Had one SRS volunteer come to work - but did not work out. Hope to get more help from this source.

New Business: Again, brought up the subject of hunting at EAst Lake & the need to start working on getting the insurance, etc. It was asked why only bow hunting for turkeys; Kass reported they did not want shotguns used for safety reasons. Also, need to tell the local farmer that he does not need to leave any habitat around his field this year.

No other business - meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, Secretary