Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
~~January 10, 2011~~ Feb 14th

Members Present: Dorothy Zook, Norman Alexander, Larry Schmitt, Jerry Vetter,Carol Buller, Pat Jackson, Walt Silvernale, Jim Lasater

Members Absent: Derrick Richling, Roland Miller

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Lloyd Stoddard

Minutes: Minutes of the January 10, 2010 meeting were approved after corrections.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports: Kass Miller, Lloyd Stoddard

East Lake: Doing maintenance work. Also, had budgeted $10,000 for work on dam; got bid for $3,000. With the balance of the money they will purchase a 4x4 truck from the Sheriff's department.

Camp Hawk: Maintaining - Shelter is being used and is booked up into early spring.

West Park: Lloyd reported they had 4,952 scouts at the park at $1.00 per person. Gasline has cut a 60 to 70 foot swath down the middle of the park area. They are going to pay for damages up to $6500. This will result in a new roof for the bait shop; gazebo & new guttering on the new building & both shower houses. The floor at the new building continues to present some problems. They are looking into some way to cover it for easier maintenance. Usage of the building has slowed during the winter months, but spring/summer should be profitable.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: No report

Facilities Roads & Grounds - Will resume working on camping pads when weather permits

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Hunting was better this year - Kass will bring report next meeting. Pheasant & Quail not as good but duck hunting was okay. Kass talked with KWP & they said it would be okay to move the duck blinds to a better location. Larry cautioned about moving it where they are nesting - that if ducks were disturbed, they would leave altogether.

Tree Management: Roland Miller

Plan to resume planting more trees in the spring.

Old Business:

Kenny Feather plaque not yet placed due to weather. Regarding the SRS volunteers - Kass reported they have to prepare some job descriptions to present to those wishing to help. Kass also had not been advised if the new member application had been accepted yet. They have trapped one beaver, and will continue working on this.

New Business:

There was a lot of discussion regarding the shape of the ranger residences at the parks, especially East Lake & Camp Hawk. In his absence, Roland Miller asked Larry Schmidt to express his concern about the conditions of these 2 properties. Those present felt immediate action should be taken to make the needed repairs/remodeling. Dorothy Zook moved, Jim Lasater seconded that the board submit a letter of recommendation to the County Commissioners that they visit the residences and review the needed repairs and living conditions. Motion carried A letter was drafted during the meeting and Secretary, Pat Jackson will prepare and send to the commissioners with the members presents signatures attached.

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, Secretary

February 16, 2011

Harvey County Commissioners
Harvey County Court House
Newton, Kansas 67114

County Commissioners:

It is the recommendation of the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board that the Harvey County Commissioners be encouraged to visit the ranger residences at East Lake, Camp Hawk & West Park to determine needed repairs and living conditions of these properties. It is also recommended that this action be taken immediately to make these determinations.

These residences are needed to have a ranger on site for better visibility and control of vandalism.

This recommendation was voted on and is contained in the minutes of the meeting held February 14, 2011, a copy of which is attached.

Respectfully:

/s/ Norman Alexander
/s/ Carol Buller
/s/ Larry Schmitt
/s/ Pat Jackson
/s/ Jim Lasater
/s/ Walt Silvernale
/s/ Jerry Vetter
/s/ Dorothy Zook