

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
March 21, 2011

Members Present: Norman Alexander, Larry Schmitt, Jerry Vetter, Pat Jackson, Walt Silvernale, Derrick Richling, Roland Miller, Zack Phillips

Members Absent: Jim Lasiter, Carol Buller

Rangers Present: Ryan Fleming

Minutes: Minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting were tabled for review until the April meeting.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports: Ryan Fleming

East Lake: Completing work on the restrooms. Putting recycle material to level camping pads. Have 3 concrete pads completed; will work on completing remaining ones. Builders is pouring the concrete. Plan to burn CRP finish the west side of the lake plus anticipate burning the nature trail - trees are coming up. 8 beavers have been trapped (Gary McCloud doing this) - still have more to catch. Dam was inspected on Friday, March 18th - have not received report on findings.

Camp Hawk: Shelter is being rented out for the season. Going to replace a tree that was torn down in recent storm. Bass are biting.

West Park: Stocking bait shop. Have not hired any new seasonal employee yet.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Fishing has been good - white bass 12 -15 inches at East Lake. Crappie good at West Park. Walt reported they tested the water temperature at East Lake - 4 ft from shore & 4 ft down - it was 55 degrees.

Larry reminded for next hunting season we are will consider deer tags. Also Ryan mentioned archery turkey hunting as turkeys are abundant in the park. All the hunting signs have been removed.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - Roads are in pretty good shape. As stated, they are working on the camping pads at East Lake. They also may put recycle material on camper road.

The Commissioners reviewed the ranger housing facilities. No report yet as to what may be considered in the way of repairs/replacement.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Horse trails are being used.

Tree Management: Will not be planting any more trees.

Old Business:

Ryan reported they are working on the job description for SRS volunteer workers. No Hunting report - Kass will report next month.

New Business: Roland Miller advised this would be his last meeting (his 2nd term expires May 2011). He will not be renewing for a 3rd term as he is moving to Wamego, Kansas in August. The board thanked him for his service.

Walt asked about a report on the fish test done on the lake. No report.

Larry introduced new board member, Zack Phillips. Zack & his family live in Hesston and he has an environmental degree.

Next meeting will be April 18th as West Park with a work day on Saturday April 16th meeting at West Park bait shop.

No other business - Jerry moved, Walt seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, Secretary