

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
November 21, 2011 held at Courthouse

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

Members Absent: Jim Lasater, Dorothy Zook, Debbie Cobb

Rangers Present: Shannon Metz

Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were approved after corrections.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports:

Camp Hawk: Shannon: Kass has water leak to his residence that he is repairing. Also Kass has almost completed the remodeling to the bathroom of his residence. All shut down for the winter.

East Lake: Shannon: Duck & goose hunting going very well. Wind did blow the blind over & out into the lake. Turkey hunting is slow. Still may plan to close the bait shop.

West Park: Shannon: New shelter is being used. They had put in new electrical boxes at pads 1 to 18 - had some money left over from last year, they have purchased new additional boxes that will be put in at pads 19 -28. Volunteers working on trimming trees, etc.

Shannon reported that all 3 lakes are cleared of green algae.

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Fishing slow - duck/goose hunting going well.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - No report

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Shannon reported that 172 acres on west side of the park have been sold to a private individual for \$1475 per acre & will be used for his private hunting use.

Old Business: None

New Business: Shannon asked for recommendation from the board members regarding deposit guidelines for all shelters at all 3 parks. The present guidelines call for \$100 clean up deposit & \$100 additional if alcohol will be used. The problem comes up when a renter has paid

the \$100 for clean up - no alcohol deposit- but then someone decides to bring in alcohol & then camp staff have to go ask for an additional \$100 deposit. She & Kass are preparing new rental guidelines for the parks. They would like to ask for a flat \$200 deposit from renters. She also would like \$50 of this deposit to be considered a cancellation fee & to be paid up front when a reservation is made. No monies have been asked from renters until 30 days prior to the date of the event, but then the renters cancel before paying for the shelter & deposit. This results in revenue lost as the shelter(s) were held for this time, when they possibly could have been rented.

Jerry Vetter moved & Norman Alexander seconded that the Park Advisory Board recommend the shelter(s) deposit for all 3 parks be a flat \$200 with \$50 of this deposit be considered a cancellation fee & be due up front when making a reservation. The balance of the deposit (\$150) plus the required shelter rental fee will be due when the contract is received, which is normally 30 days prior to the event.

Under discussion, it was noted that the entire \$200 deposit will be returned after successful inspection of the shelter. If the event is cancelled, the \$50 will be retained by the park(s). It was also suggested that the \$50 should be received no later than 2 weeks after the reservation is made..if not..the shelter would be considered available to rent to another party.

No further discussion - Motion carried.

No further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned & snacks & fellowship were enjoyed by everyone.

Next meeting: **January 9, 2012 (Second Monday) at the court house basement**

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary