

**Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of**  
**August 20, 2012 – Camp Hawk**

**Members Present:** Larry Schmitt, Jim Lasiter, Carol Buller, Terry Gowin, Dorothy Zook, Deb Cobb, Jerry Vetter

**Members Absent:** Norman Alexander, Derrick Richling, Zack Phillips, Pat Jackson

**Rangers Present:** Shannon Metz, Carol Dilts

**Guests:** Mike Sumrr, Dean Heckendorn

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved after addition of Carol Dilts to the group working on the brochure.

**Special Use Permits:** None

**Park Staff Reports:** **Shannon Metz reported for all parks:**

**Camp Hawk:** Water levels are low. The blue green algae is at warning level. Kass is on medical leave. September 1, 2012 all Three lakes will be stocked. It will be a ½ stocking due to budget constraints.

**East Park:** Volunteer Hall has been painted. Doing maintenance at all parks. The blue green algae is also at warning level. No animals or people are to be in the water.

**West Park:** The main camping sites have been full. The fishing has been good. Carol Dilts donated a basketball goal and it is set up and being used. Added fire rings to the some of rough camping areas. Will be putting picnic tables at the new pads as time and money allows. Will also put tables at pads 27 and 28. Drop box for the Walnut Grove area has been put up. There has been a positive response from people since doing that. It saves them from having to go to the west side to the bait shop to pay for camping. They are working on a sign to put at the south trailhead to go to the bait station to pay for riding. KG&E has set the pole on the new pads. Shannon is sending out a bid request for the boxes, wiring and other electrical parts needed to wire up each pad with 50 amp breakers. Once materials are purchased Rick VanRossun will be doing the wiring. Revenue is up \$15,000 over last year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fishing, Boating & Hunting:** Slow

**Facilities, Roads & Grounds:** No report

**Land Park Use & resource Management:** Carol rode the trails at East Park today with Carol Lambe. Carol Lambe, is a member of the ACTHA group and has put on rides in Wichita at Pawnee Prairie would like to do a ride the Saturday before Halloween. This would be a costume ride for horse and rider. She had questions about the use of a port-a potty and access to a tent covering if it was raining for a place to do the paperwork. She looked for different places to set up the obstacles- there needs to be at least 6. The second bridge you cross on the blue trail needs to have the boards replaced for safety. Her horse refused to cross it but did fine on the other bridges. This is the same bridge I talked about last month. This is probably the oldest bridge. If we use the machine shop there we can use the restroom inside. We would not have to rent a port-a potty. This would also give them a place to do all the paperwork. Ms. Lambe also wanted to know if they could camp there the night before, maybe 7-8 people, doing the set-up the day before and finishing up the morning of the ride.

**Old Business:** Update of maps for parks is almost done. Carol brought copies of what has been updated so far. Shannon wants the new pad sites shown on the new map. Carol will get this done and the maps should be complete. The next part of this project is getting new pictures put into the brochure and the verbage updated as needed. Dorothy Zook will get pictures of East Park and Deb Cobb will provide pictures of West Park. Kass Miller will need to do Camp Hawk. Carol Buller will provide horseback riding pictures. Kass still needs to talk with Lon Buller about sirens for the parks.

**New Business:** Mike came to question the way extended camping is being done. This is something new at West Park. Currently there are six pads being used for the extended use camping. It costs \$75 extra for the extended stay option. The camper can pay the money and camp for 30 days in the same spot and then renew it at the end of the 30 days to maintain the same spot. The six pads being used are the ones in the R.V. Park area. Mike asked if they could not reduce it to just 4 spots so others would have an opportunity to camp in that same area. One of the reasons this was implemented was to reduce the switching back and forth every 14 days of campers in prime spots. It also generates additional income for the park. Larry Schmitt, chairman, said we would take that under advisement and might have a committee look into the matter.

Dean currently stores his camper at West Park and would like to store it at East Park. He has physical limitations and cannot turn around to look back when backing the trailer up. He would like to see the trailers parked in such a way that you can just drive in and drop them facing east and west rather than backing up to the tree line north and south. The board felt this was an easy fix and would make Kass aware of it.

It was reminded that it is time to get the insurance for the hunting season.

No further business, Jerry Vetter moved we adjourn and was seconded by Jim Lasiter. Motion carried.

Next meeting:  
2012 at West Park

September 17,

Submitted by,

Carol Buller, substitute