

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
February 13 , 2012 held at Camp Hawk

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Norman Alexander, Jim Lasiter, Carol Buller, Derrick Richling, Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips

Members Absent: Debbie Cobb, Walt Silvernale, Jerry Vetter, Dorothy Zook

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Lloyd Stoddard

Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports:

Camp Hawk: Kass: Been doing some burning of the old CRP area south & east of the park. Been getting work completed on his residence. Have a scout working on his Eagle badge going to come & repaint all of the frizzbie golf baskets.

East Lake: Kass: Started working on cutting cedars in the Osage Nature Trail area. Started cutting up culverts to make new fire pits for camp sites. Bait shop will be permanently closed - Hunters shop bought some of the merchandise & rest will go to West Park bait shop. The murals that are in the bait shop will be removed and they are thinking of putting them up in Volunteer Hall.

West Park: Lloyd: Doing some tree trimming - putting stock in bait shop. Trappers weekend they had over 5,000 in attendance - no problems - lots of traffic - thought they took in around \$11,000.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Hunting has died. The duck blind was damaged & they have not been able to retrieve from out of the lake - not sure if vandalized or if high winds caused the damage. May need to be rebuilt.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - No report - Kass did comment there had been some "discussions" between the township & Road & Bridge - thought those had been resolved and some work now being done on the roads.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Pat & Carol gave brief report on the "walk thru" of the old ranger residence area at the horse trails for potential use of horse campsites. Both felt there was great potential for use here & hopefully the possibility of holding an ACTHA event in

the future. However, even without the event, they felt usage would be up if people could come & camp. Water & electricity is on the grounds. Carol asked about the grassy areas around the present parking area. Kass stated they are CRP he thought for another 2 yrs. He did not know if it would be renewed. Carol said this would be good potential camping areas if the CRP program was not renewed.

Old Business: Larry had not had chance to talk with Rhodes Foundation. Hopes to do that before next meeting. Larry asked about the trail below the dam at East Lake as there is need for some repair.

New Business: Pat asked about the move from the old shop to the vacated bait shop. Kass commented they are in process - it is slow - but hope to have it done before the season opens.

Next meeting: **March 19, 2012 at West Park**

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary