

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
July 16, 2012 - East Lake

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Jim Lasiter, Carol Buller, Derrick Richling, Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips, Dorothy Zook, Jerry Vetter

Members Absent: Norman Alexander, Deb Cobb

Rangers Present: Kass Miller

Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting were approved after correction of "Eagle Point" to Needle Point

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports: **Kass Miller reported for all parks:**

Camp Hawk: Water level still very low - but are catching some fish. Still trying to determine how to fix leak at the spillway. Doing repairs & mowing. Got a new refrigerator in the shelter & the air conditioner still needs some repairs.

East Lake: Lake has been busy on most weekends. They did have a fatality - regular camper - do not know exact cause, but could have been heat related. He was 58 yrs old. They are getting a new mower for East Lake - going to put out bids to determine what to buy & best price. Shop almost moved completely over from old ranger residence that was torn down. They were going to sell the old Dodge Dakota, but the 1/2 ton dodge engine "died" so they went back to using the old Dakota. Angel Camp (Girl Scouts) was held - this was the 14th yr for this event.

Kass also talked to Road & Bridge & they plan to make a new swimming beach by Blue Stem point. Also talked to R&B about possibility of dredging some of the lake, but this won't happen anytime soon due to expense.

West Park: They are staying busy - lot of campers. They reported catching a 17 pould channel on the river. Received approval to add approximately 6 new electrical boxes at camping pads.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Boating has been heavy - possibly due to the fact that at present there is no presence of blue/green algae - however, Kass thought an area of the lake did not look very good. Kass says he gets lots of calls from people asking about algae control.

The lake was tested this past week - Zack reported they may come back.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - No report

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Carol reported she rode West Park earlier in the month. She felt we really need to look into marking the trails around the park - possibly in the same manner as East Lake is marked. She reported we need to make some changes on the map/brochure of the parks plus get new information to the Kansas Horse Council for the update of the Equestrian Trails in Kansas booklet that is set for September 2012. Carol, Pat & Jerry Vetter will work on this project & meet with Shannon, Carol Dilts & Kass for additional suggestions, information, etc. They will also contact Steve Rudiger of Mennonite Press on the possibility of this company updating the brochure, since they did the last one & it might be on their computer. Kass also said he would like to replace/add some more pictures if possible.

Old Business: Pat passed out copies of letter/resolutions dated 1977/1985 regarding the park board. While there is no mention that the board has to meet every month, all members felt regardless of how short/long the meetings were, they were vital to hear updates from the rangers & keep up with the happenings in the parks. It was general opinion that no changes were needed at this time. It was felt if a meeting needed to be cancelled, it could be done by majority vote of members.

Dorothy asked how the camp hosts were doing & Kass replied they are working out very well. Have 2 couples at East Lake. Pop machines have been placed in all 3 bathrooms at the park & to date, have not had any problems. The camp hosts seem to be keeping an eye open for possible problems & contact Kass when they feel it is necessary.

New Business: Carol asked why there were no storm warning sirens at East Lake & Kass said that was something that should be considered. When storms are threatening, rangers drive around warning campers of the danger & where to take shelter. Carol suggested Kass contact her husband, Lon Buller of Emergency Management Director for the county and see it would be a possibility of getting sirens installed. Carol said Lon has expressed a desire to see this happen in the past.

Next meeting: August 20,2012 at Camp Hawk

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary