

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
November 19, 2012 -Court House Basement

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Norman Alexander, Carol Buller, Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips, Dorothy Zook, Terry Gowin, Jim Lasiter

Members Absent: Derrick Richling, Deb Cobb, Jerry Vetter

Rangers Present: Kass Miller

Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted. (No October Minutes)

Special Use Permits: Kass reported only permits being issued were for water fowl hunting.

Park Staff Reports: **Kass Miller Reporting for all parks.**

Camp Hawk: Completion of brush trimming around pond - have lot of clean up to do. Finished painting the shelter; they stripped & resealed the floor. Mainly preparing for winter. The shelter has been rented a lot; busy keeping up with that. He reported that the overflow pipe for the pond has completely rotted out & is leaking so the pond does not hold water. He asked for suggestions/recommendations from the board of people to contact to give some idea of fixing it in a cost effective manner. Jim gave him some names - need to get repaired or continuous leakage could cause problems at the dam. Zack advised any type of work on the dam would require permits, etc. Zack volunteered to stop by and look at this issue & give a recommendation. He felt this could be fixed with a method called "strong seal" & would not be costly & would not require any excation of the pipe. Kass will meet with him tomorrow (11/20/12) at Camp Hawk.

East Lake: Winter preparation - have replaced Ryan with full time ranger - Stu Scott from Wichita. Said he is goig to work out very well.

West Park: Maintenance work. Rick has been working there for past several weeks helping with trench work for the new electrical boxes being installed.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Norman: Some are having good luck with fishing - others are not. Norman been catching a lot of crappie. He also noted there is an injured pelican around the lake. He has injured wing, but seems to be eating & surviving.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - No report - Kass did say there were some pot holes that need to be repaired on the roads around East Lake.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Kass advised they had repaired the bridges on the horse trails - if we see any they missed, let him know. Pat asked Kass if a Special Use permit would be needed for an individual to hold a horseback fund raising event for a lady that has had bleeding on the brain. She was an avid rider & is now only able to ride with assistance & goes to Reins for Hope in Hutchinson. The person inquiring wants to help with her expenses so she can continue participating. Kass felt a special use permit might not be needed - but advised this to be run by commissioners. He also was not sure if a fund raising event for an individual (not for a group) would be approved..however, he said exceptions are made. This is something that would be planned for early spring - more information to come later.

Old Business: Nothing to report on the complaint filed by Mike Sumrr; also no report on the individual that was wanting a special parking space for his trailer so he would not have to back it in to store it at **East Park**.

New Business: Carol reported the new pamphlet for the parks is just about ready to go to printers. She got new copy from Kass to add plus new pictures to put in the brochure. Hopefully this can be completed shortly. She had a price quote some months ago, but was not sure if it had changed/went up due to price increases across the board.

No further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40. Snacks & drinks brought by members were enjoyed by all for fellowship after the meeting.

Next meeting: January 14, 2013 - Court House Basement

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary