

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
April 15, 2013 - Camp Hawk

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

Members Absent: Jim Lasiter, Norman Alexander, Terry Gowin, Deb Cobb

Rangers Present: Kass Miller,

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were approved after correction made.

Special Use Permits: None -

Kass did report that "Baron of Vatavia" a mid-evil type of club will hold an event the weekend of 4/19 & 20 at Camp Hawk.

Park Staff Reports:

Kass for Camp Hawk: Had a lot of tree limbs down from ice storm; have picked up most of them. Will need to get this completed as it is getting time to start mowing for the spring/summer season. Got the shelter painted & painted the entrance sign. Also made carts to hold the tables and chairs inside the shelter for ease in storing.

Kass for East Lake: All the signs have been repainted at East Lake. Have finished the new signs for the swim beach. They have the beach all leveled out and buoys installed. They need to put more sand down when they determine the water level. Purchased the rest of the electrical boxes for the pads...this to a cost of just under \$5,000. They have resurfaced just about all of the camping pads in the camping area across from the old bait shop. Rick will be off after his surgery for about 12 weeks - be back around July 15th. Camp Host, Leland Stiver plans to act as part time ranger during that time. Kass also mentioned they might use Derrick Richling some of the time if needed. Leland acts as Camp Host for Willow Bend area & Brian & Janet Moore are Camp Hosts for Campers Row area. Kass did say he had about 50 to 80 scouts that were going to come out & work earlier - but due to snow storm, about 30 came & did clean up trash they could get at that was not covered by the snow.

West Park: No report.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Norman: No Report - It was discussed that the paper reported a 11-12 pound catfish was caught at East Lake. Kass said the pelicans had left. Dorothy reported they were catching crappie at West Park off of the dam.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - No report - Kass reported roads pretty good shape - however, the Blue Stem area still needs some work done.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Carol reported she & a friend rode East Lake - trails soft - but nice. Overhead branches need trimmed; she plans to take loppers with her when possible to work on this. Kass reported they need to burn the Osage Nature area again - asked for volunteers to help - Larry & Zack told him to let him know when they plan to do it. Zack cautioned about a burn ban for the month of April due to Flint Hills burning time & air quality control. Kass said they usually don't burn in April.

Old Business: Pat asked Kass if he could still turn on the water at the trail head of the trailer parking area for riders to use. He advised he sees no problem in that being done.

New Business: Regarding a "new" trail area that had been discussed at East Lake, Carol asked Kass if it would be okay to ride around the hay field along the trees (this is before entering the gate into Osage Nature Trail area) to explore this area & possible increase the riding distance. Kass did not feel this would be a problem - hoping in the future some type of bridge can be installed to cross over the creek.

Zack asked about the educational program that was held at West Park last year - if they planned to continue. Kass commented he thinks it is already being planned. Zack felt more advertising could be done to obtain more attendees - he had taken his kids & felt this was very worthwhile & should be promoted. Kass will pass this on to Shannon & Carol at West Park.

It was noted that Larry Schmidt & Dorothy Zook have fulfilled their 3 - 3 yr terms and will end with the May 2013 meeting. Everyone was urged to seek out replacement members. Pat handed out some applications. Dorothy had a person who said he was interested and plans to try and bring him to the meeting in May.

Also, it was noted that May was officer election month & for members to be thinking of officers. This includes Chairman, Vice Chairman & Secretary. Pat agreed to continue on as secretary if agreed upon by membership.

No other business to discuss - meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 20, 2013 - West Park

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary