

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
August 19, 2013 - West Park

Members Present: Carol Buller, Pat Jackson, Derrick Richling, Deb Cobb, Terry Gowin, Jim Lasiter, Zack Phillips, Jerry Vetter

Members Absent: Cynda Conrade

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Carol Dilts

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

Park Staff Reports:

Kass for East Lake: A lot of storm damage - trees uprooted, one of the camp hosts lost their camper from tree falling on it. Campers row pretty well cleaned up - Bluestem area still being worked on. They are piling debris up & plan to burn when time & weathr permits. A lot of boaters due to water being up in the lake. Last report - no green algae on lake due to rains. Also, electrical posts were completely under water & will need to be allowed to dry out before use.

Kass for Camp Hawk: Did not receive as much damage as East Lake from the last storm. Roofs of the buildings at Camp Hawk were inspected and determined to be total losses.

Carol Dietz for West Park: Park has been closed to 2 weeks due to high water/storm damage. Just recently re-opened. Water has gone down quite a bit just since the weekend. Road & Bridge have helped a lot - additional rock on roads. Carol said water was rushing across the roads. A lot of campers have been turned away. She commented a lot of "travelers" passing thru have stopped at West Park. She is not sure how they learn of the park, but is glad to see the activity.

Committee Reports:

Fishing Boating & Hunting: Some catfish being caught..but fishing is slow.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - Kass reported Road & Bridge have been working on the roads. Camp Hawk spillway still needs repair; however, it is full now.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: No report - Kass said they have not even looked at the horse trails at East Lake - he is pretty sure trees are down, etc. West Park had water on the trails due to flooding.

Old Business: None

New Business: Zack commented he would like to see if we could get the rangers/park staff get involved in some management/ educational/park conferences. Felt it would be beneficial & very relevant to what the park department and staff do in their daily work. Kass did say he and Stu were registered to attend a KW&P fish tournament/seminar, but due to rain and high water, felt **he was needed** more at East Lake, **therefore Stu attended and Kass remained in the park.** Zack reiterated that he felt the park advisory board would support the rangers in any way they could to further education/management of Harvey County Parks. Kass asked members to advise him if any park advisory board member hears of a seminar/conference that would apply to them - this information is not always available to them.

Jerry asked Carol about the Educational Seminars being held at West Park. The next one will be the 2nd Saturday in September & will be on "What you see from your Car" combined with night-time animals. These seminars have been very successful and well attended.

Jerry introduced the County Commissioners present during the meeting: Chip Westfall, Ron Krehbiel, Randy Hague & County Administrator, John Waltner. Jerry asked the commissioners if they had any comment. Chip advised that Road & Bridge have been very busy since the rain/high water, etc. Said the county has about \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 in damage city/county wide. They are applying to FEMA for monies which they should receive some help.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the adjournment, the commissioners presented Larry Schmitt & Dorothy Zook with plaques for completion of the 3 - 3 yr terms on the advisory board and thanked them for their contribution the past 9 years. Not present, were Norman Alexander & Walt Silvernale, who also completed 3 - 3 year terms on the board. Refreshments were then served.

Next meeting: September 16, 2013 - East Lake

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary