

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
January 14, 2013 -Court House Basement Extention Office Room

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Norman Alexander, Carol Buller, Pat Jackson, Terry Gowin, Derrick Richling, Jerry Vetter

Members Absent: Deb Cobb, Dorothy Zook, Jim Lasiter, Zack Phillips

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Shannon Metz

Minutes: Minutes of the November meeting were approved as with corrections.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports:

Kass for Camp Hawk: When not frozen, they are trying to pump water from the pond to expose the pipe elbow that needs repaired. They received an estimate to have it repaired at a cost of \$4,000 which was too much. They are going to try and repair it themselves (Rangers) They plan to use an epoxy type spray on and think it can be done for around \$200. Mainly doing winter maintenance.

Kass for East Lake: They have moved to the new shop. In the process of getting all the signs pulled & repainted. Larry asked about the buoys - felt many are in disrepair - Kass said he will look into seeing if something can be done. Both parks have new replacement trucks in the budget so they will be in the process of looking to find trucks that will be suitable.

Shannon for West Park: They are preparing for the annual Trapper's Rendezvous that is scheduled at West Park January 18-20. Said at last count there were 3,475 registered attendees. She said they have made some changes in the "powers" of the encampment & they, as well as she, want to try and control the traffic as much as possible. They are thinking along the lines of allowing only 1 vehicle per scout troop. Any other vehicles would have to be parked elsewhere. They plan to block off part of the main road from in front of the residence almost to 36th street. She will give a report at next meeting on the event. She invited park board members to come out and see the happenings - give her a call; she will meet at park entrance and give a tour around the facility. The event will be staffed 24/7 and sheriff officers will patrol on a regular basis.

The new electrical boxes are in - picnic tables are done, but not installed until can pour pads.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Norman: Has been catching some crappie when not frozen. Kass commented that some whites were being caught at Camp Hawk thru the ice.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - No report -

Land Park Use & Resource Management: No report. Shannon did say that the trails at West Park were closed from Dec 1st until just recently opened due to rifle season.

Old Business: Carol commented the new brochures are ready to go to print - she asked Kass & Shannon to do a final review at the meeting. The company printing them quoted a price in July & will honor that price. They plan to print around 5,000 instead of 10,000 as was printed the first time.

New Business: Kass: Hunting/fees: Kass advised that the administration office does not want to handle selling the permits for hunting any longer due to other business at hand. He feels having the hunters getting their permits at the park would not be hard to accomplish. Said the insurance costs \$298. In 2011 they took in \$192 for permits & in 2012, \$216.00 for duck/goose hunting. Feels it is increasing - Rhodes Foundation is continuing with funding & would like to continue to offer this service. The same rules would apply; need to give 3 days notice which would give the potential hunter(s) time to get in touch with rangers so they can get a permit. All park board members felt we should continue, if the rangers were willing to handle the financial end of the transactions.

Kass - 2013 User Fees: Kass passed out reports for 2013 user fees, user fees for 2012, 2011 Utilities Summary, and a breakdown of other park fees, Sedgewick County & Lake Afton, Wellington Lake & Winfield Lake. On the 2012 User fee sheet, there is space for park board members to offer their suggestion on what their thoughts on how much to charge for each use of the park. On the 2013 sheet, the rangers have made their recommendations as a guideline, but not set in stone! Pat Jackson disagreed with the change in horse trail yearly permit from \$35 per rig to \$35 per rider. She felt this was too much to charge one person. Shannon commented the reason this was suggested was because of an individual that brings a whole trailer load of people/horses to ride and ride all day while paying only \$35. Pat suggested this be \$35 per family, up to a maximum of 4 people. Extra people would be charged a predetermined dollar amount (such as \$2 - \$4 per person).

In reviewing the 2011 Utility Summary, Kass advised this summary only utilizes the user fees charged to campers. Jerry Vetter commented that the cost for propane was extremely high for December 2011. He feels the other buildings should be figured into this cost also, as there would not be any campers using this much propane during the winter for camping. He felt this was not a true comparison when figuring the revenue summary reflecting a negative balance. This also did not include the residences.

Kass asked that members bring their fee suggestions to the next meeting as they will need to get new permits printed up. They are already receiving calls for annual passes. A copy of the 2011 Utilities Summary, the 2012 & 2013 User fees are attached to these minutes.

Pat Jackson asked how the handling of the advance shelter rental fees has been doing & both Kass & Shannon advised they have not had any complaints. If someone calls for reservation, a

\$50 non-refundable deposit is required with 2 weeks to hold the shelter. Should someone call for the shelter before the money is received, Kass advised he calls the first person telling them they have not received their money and if they still want the shelter. Both Kass & Shannon stated is someone calls and wants the shelter(s) on a short notice, they make arrangements for them to come in to the office and pay in cash.

No other business to discuss - meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

February 11, 2013 - West Park

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary