

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

Members Present: Carol Buller, Pat Jackson, Derrick Richling, Deb Cobb, Terry Gowin, Cynda Conrade, Jerry Vetter

Members Absent: Jim Lasiter, Zack Phillips

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Shannon Metz

Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting were approved with the following addition/correction: County Administrator requested that it be noted he was opposed to Derrick being Chairman of the advisory board due to possible future conflict of interest.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports:

Kass for East Lake: Angel Camp (girl scouts) was held & was a success. He commented this might be the last year for this event. They did not have much tree damage from the storm. The new mower is having some warranty work done on it.

Kass for Camp Hawk: This park received a lot of tree damage from the recent storm. They have spent many hours cleaning up - not done yet. The insurance adjuster supposed to come out to review the damage to the roof. The new truck is in the shop from a tree falling on it.

Shannon for West Park: Received some storm damage. She reported that a day after the 4th of July, a live cottonwood tree broke off at ground & "took" out one of the camper trailers. No one hurt - camper now looking for a new trailer. Busy mowing; shelters being rented; fishing has slowed down.

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: No report - fishing is slow.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - Been working on filling pot holes at East Lake. Nothing more to report .

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Carol advised she along with several other ladies road East Lake Horse Trails - had good time - the branches need to be trimmed from above. Also brush growing out onto trails cutting down riding area. Kass & Derrick advised they working on that. They also asked how tall when on horseback for trimming purposes - it was decided at least 10 feet above ground to trim overhead branches.

Old Business: Shannon reported that they did something different at West Park on the 4th of July. A daughter of the couple residing in the old ranger residence dressed up in a patriotic costume & Shannon pulled her around with the mule and she passed out candy to the kids/people around the campground. Shannon & Deb commented this was a big hit with everyone & considered her an ambassador of the park. The educational seminar held in July on reptiles & amphibians garnered around 35 to 40 people and was well received. The next one will be held 2nd Sat in August will be titled "Things you would see from the road".

Kass showed the 4 plaques he had made for the 4 retiring park members who have served their full 3 - 3 yr terms; Walt Silvernale, Norman Alexander, Larry Schmitt & Dorothy Zook. It was decided Pat would send letter inviting them to the next meeting to present plaques to them. Shannon advised she will contact the paper to get someone out for pictures & the commissioners would also be invited to attend. Shannon will see that refreshments are provided. It is hoped they all can attend & will be requested to RSVP.

New Business: Shannon reported that Ks Dept of Wildlife & Parks came to West Park and banded about 16 geese. She said it was quite a "process" but interesting to watch how they handled the geese.

Kass reported that the commissioners again reviewed the fact that Derrick Richling was Chairman of the advisory board. They have requested that Derrick step down and the advisory board appoint another chairman. They did not have a problem with Derrick remaining on the board; just felt his being Chairman & also a part time employee of the park system at East Lake , could possibly cause a conflict of interest in the future. **Discussion followed along same lines as at the June meeting (refer to June minutes)..and it is noted in these minutes that the Advisory Board Members do not agree with the commissioners, but will abide by their request. It was again stated that the board works for the betterment of all the parks.** Derrick willingly agreed to step down as Chairman & will remain on the board. Vice Chairman Jerry Vetter will move into the Chairman position to complete the year. Pat Jackson moved & Jerry Vetter seconded that Carol Buller be appointed as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

Kass reminded members that we have 3 vacancy positions on the board that need to be filled & to be looking for new members. Derrick advised that he has a potential member & he will be applying shortly.

Kass passed out binders to all members to use to store monthly budget reports from the parks. This request was made at the June meeting. He briefly went over the report explaining codes, etc for members to review in more detail at home. If they have any questions, members could call him or Shannon or bring them up at the next meeting.

Next meeting: August 19, 2013 - West Park

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary