

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
March 18, 2013 – East Lake

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

Members Absent: Deb Cobb, Jim Lasiter, Dorothy Zook

Rangers Present: Kass Miller

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

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports:

Camp Hawk: (Kass) The fun run was postponed due to weather from 3/2 to 3/16. He felt the attendance was down from last year, perhaps due to the postponed date. They have some trees that need to be trimmed. Also said the Shelter is almost completely rented thru July –there have been a lot of usage requests for weddings.

East Lake (Kass) Some pads have been completed. They trying to work on the swimming beach. Fire pits are ready to be installed when weather permits.

West Park: (Kass for Shannon) Getting ready for the upcoming season. Bait shop to open March 28th.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Catching some fish. Kass reported that they opened the fish stocking bids & were \$7,000 over budget. They will have 4 stockings this year, but will cut 2 of them in half. First one will be done April 6th and will not stock Camp Hawk at this time due to low water. Was not sure fish would survive. This will be for channel cat & also some blue gill.

Facilities, Roads & Grounds: No Report

Land Park Use & Resource Management: No Report

Old Business: Kass passed out the new brochures for everyone to look at. Larry thanked the committee & especially Carol Buller for their work & input for the brochure. Kass advised he has a list of places/companies to mail the brochures out to plus put in court house, tourism bureau & also will be placed at the self pay stations in the parks. Norman asked about putting them in an RV magazine for advertisement. Kass will check into this. Norman could not recall the name of the publication. Pat said that Good Sam

has a magazine that is called “Highways & Byways” possibility could put it in this publication.

Jerry asked about any beaver problems & Kass advised he had not noticed any this year. Said a man did trap 12 coyotes, 8 of which were mangy.

New Business: Larry commented he had received a complaint from Jr Heibert regarding a dog that got caught in one of the traps. Kass said he was aware of this; had talked with the person – offered to pay vet bill himself. The owner of the dog refused – they use non-lethal traps, so dog was not injured.

Carol again brought up changing our meeting date to another day instead of Monday since that is the ranger’s day off. Kass commented although they are off on Mondays, they have other things they have to do, so they are around anyway. He felt Monday was as good as any other day.

Larry commented this might be a good time to put cover around the lake for habitat – even along the banks. Best time would have been when lake was frozen. Norman also mentioned clean up needed on dam. Kass said he would take care of that – did not want to take a chance of someone falling/hurting themselves. He has around 30 to 40 scouts coming out Friday to clean up trash around the area.

Pat asked if everything had been moved to new shop area from the old ranger residence area & Kass advised pretty much done. Carol asked what plans were to prepare that area for more horse camping/horse events. Kass advised that is in the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan- have allocated around \$10,000. He said they need to start tearing down the old building; unless it could be utilized. He said it has working bathroom plus concrete floor. Carol & Pat asked that they leave the building as it could be used for cover/meetings if and when we schedule horse events. Carol & Pat plan to go over to the area to get some idea of how many areas could be laid out for trailer parking, etc. Pat asked about the water – Kass said water is there –it is turned off now, but they would turn it on for the spring/summer for use.

No further business, meeting as adjourned.

Next meeting – April 15 at Camp Hawk

Respectfully,

Pat Jackson, Secretary