

Harvey County Parks Advisory Board

Meeting – Camp Hawk

March 20, 2017

Members present: Carolyn Schwab, Zack Phillips, Cynda Conrade, Bill Kiehl, Jack Bender, Brittany Welch, Ron Hoffman, Pat Jackson and Carol Buller

Members Absent: Brandon Will

Staff Present: Parks Director, Kass Miller

Special note: Due to the chairman being absent and not having a vice-chair the meeting was chaired by the secretary, Pat Jackson

Minutes: Zack moved to approve the minutes as submitted, it was seconded by Britney. Minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Director Report: Kass Miller

The disc golf tournament was held at Camp Hawk on March 4th. It was a windy day but there were 96 participants and many spectators. The different groups participating ranged from families, women, men and teens. This shows the wide range of people interested in this sport. They had 24 holes that crisscrossed each other as they played. Everyone was very courteous as the paths crossed.

Cast netting – there have been 2 people acquiring permits to do this. It is required that at least 24 hours in advance the people call the park and set up a time to cast net at the lake. They can set up more than one time in advance rather than call each time.

Park staff went to a burn class that was very good. It helped them to know when to burn to get the results they want for the parks.

There is a First Aid class being offered through the law enforcement center. It consists of 26 video classes. Each video is only 10-20 minutes long. When everyone has completed the videos then there will be a hands-on training class.

The fee structure will stay as it was last year. The recreation fee has been put on hold until we see what happens with Camp Hawk.

Some of the terraces are breaking down 1/2 mile north of the dam. These will need to be rebuilt.

This week the shower houses, faucets and rest rooms will be opened since the weather has been so nice. There have already been people coming out to the parks.

Operations Report: Kass Miller (Derrick on vacation)

Eastlake:

Utilizing the new equipment to clean up East Park. Need to re-seed a portion of the dam at East Park.

West Park:

All interior is done except for the ventilation fans and setting the toilets. There is the roof to put on and paint. Dirt work around the building and the ADA parking along the side of the building. The goal is to have it done by April 1 when the season starts.

Camp Hawk:

Rentals for March have been slow at all three locations. January through March is normally a slow period for building rentals.

Old business:

Anthony and Kass met with the executive director and 2 other gentlemen at the Boy Scout offices in Wichita. They negotiated with them over the amount of monies received from the Trappers Rendezvous. The council did not pay the county the correct amount. The county was to get \$2.00 for each registration. There were 4681 pre-registered for the 2017 event. Because of the threat of bad weather only 1561 came for the camp out. The Boy Scout Council offered a credit to the scouts for a future camp out. Only 356 took that credit. A multi-year contract was suggested. It will be finalized soon. A minimum amount to be paid up-front by the scout council. Any number of scouts over 1,000 they will pay \$2.00 per person.

Kass handed out the event calendar for the board to look at and see if anything needed to be changed before it goes to print. The only correction was Kansas needed to be both letters in capitals.

He is still looking at what to do about insurance for the events put on at the parks by the county.

New business:

Kass talked with the commissioners about the cost analysis he did for us mowing the parks with part time help verses hiring an outside company to mow for the summer. The commissioners had him go ahead and put it out for bid. Three bids were received. The winning bid was from Unruh's, who did the mowing last year. This years' bid came in at \$31,000.00. This cost is lower than it was last year and lower than the other two bids and not much more expensive than the cost analysis. It was decided to utilize the Unruh company again. This bid is for 12 cycles of mowing at all 3 parks.

Board member comments:

Zack brought up the need to have a vice-chair in place. Jack nominated Cynda Conrade and it was seconded by Bill. Carolyn Schwab moved nominations cease and seconded by Zack. Vote was unanimous to have Cynda be the vice-chair. Regular elections will be in May.

Zack moved the meeting adjourn it was seconded by Ron and the vote was unanimous.

Submitted by

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