

**Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of**  
**January 9, 2012 held at Courthouse**

**Members Present:** Larry Schmitt, Norman Alexander, Walt Silvernale, Carol Buller, Derrick Richling, Pat Jackson, Jerry Vetter, Dorothy Zook,

**Members Absent:** Jim Lasater, Debbie Cobb, Zack Phillips

**Rangers Present:** Kass Miller

**Minutes:** Minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

**Special Use Permits:** Annual Trappers scout event to be held at West Park January 14/15.

**Park Staff Reports:**

**Camp Hawk: Kass:** Repair work being done on roof of the ranger home. Also roof of the shelter leaking badly; repairs/replacement being planned. Started burning the cottonwood trees that were cut down, but going slowly. Also other burning being done of brush piles in the area.

**East Lake: Kass:** Duck & goose hunting going very well..no one signed up for turkey hunting. Had to rebuild the duck blind due to storm damage. Plan to start work on more camping pads; also build more fire pits - using culverts as concrete not standing up very well - cracking due to heat. Doing some tree trimming.

**West Park: Kass:** Preparing for the scouts this weekend.

**Kass:** General park information - the water level at all 3 parks is back up.

**Fishing, Boating & Hunting:** As stated, duck/goose hunting going well. \$32 to hunt from 1/2 hr before sunrise until noon. No hunting on Monday or Tuesday.

**Facilities Roads & Grounds -** Starting to lay material on the roads inside the park.

**Land Park Use & Resource Management:** Kass talked with Tom Lang of the Kansas Highway Patrol and they plan to have the C.A.S.T. event at East Lake again this year in June..no date set yet. When asked about the use of shelters, Kass commented that West Park shelter being used more then Camp Hawk & Volunteer Hall.

**Old Business:** Dorothy mentioned she had seen the new park regulations printed in the paper. Kass advised he will bring copies of the new regulations for members at the next meeting. He also said the rangers will carry an easy reference book of regulations with them in their trucks.

Dorothy asked about camp hosts for East Lake. Kass advised he will advertise for camp hosts in the spring when they advertise for summer help. Jerry asked about any problem with the \$50 deposit when making reservations - Kass said they had not had any complaints - said he had one person cancel that admitted he would lose the \$50, but did not have a problem with that.

**New Business:** Pat advised that Carmen Reimer has asked to email the agenda/minutes prior to our meetings instead of mailing to save costs. With the exception of a few members, all agreed to this. Pat will advise Carmen.

Kass advised they still plan to prepare the area at East Lake where the ranger house was demolished for horse camping, etc. Pat & Carol are to meet with him Friday (13th) at 10:00 to look over space & to review the trails for possibility of hosting an ACTHA event in the future.

It was asked if the Rhodes Foundation would consider using some of the funds they have designated mainly for hunting to build an area around the Harper Trail complete with fire pits, benches, etc. This could be used to hold events for youth perhaps related to hunting - outdoor activities, etc. Larry Schmitt said he would check into this possibility.

Jerry asked about the cedar cuttings - Kass did not have any new information on this. Larry commented we did not get any new cedars planted.

Kass suggested that park members drive out to view the scouting event at West Park. He has some safety concerns due to the large crowd this event attracts. Roads are blocked; a lot of traffic; hard to get in & out. Emergency services would have hard time getting in. He said the sheriff deputy's patrol it well - but feels the number of people presents a hazard to all.

No further business to discuss, Jerry Vetter moved, seconded by Dorothy that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: **February 13, 2012 (Second Monday) at the Camp Hawk**

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary