

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
June 18, 2012 - West Park

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Jim Lasiter, Carol Buller, Derrick Richling, Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips, Dorothy Zook

Members Absent: Jerry Vetter, Norman Alexander, Deb Cobb

Rangers Present: Shannon Metz

Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

Special Use Permits: None

Park Staff Reports: **Shannon Metz reported for all parks:**

Camp Hawk: Still trimming trees - also watching water level - doing maintenance work.

East Lake: Had C.A.S.T. tournament June 23 - 30 kids registered. 40lb flathead was caught on a jig at **Needle Point**. Doing mowing & maintenance work.

West Park: Park has been busy on weekends. Second Education series was very successful - Shannon urged board members to come out & observe during one of the sessions. New picnic tables around Walnut Grove area. Getting new electrical outlets at several camping pads - hoping this will generate more revenue for the park. The residence is now vacant; Lloyd has moved completely out. Getting bids to remodel house & then decide what to do with it.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Been slow - at West Park the channel are biting - river fishing has picked up.

Facilities Roads & Grounds - Road & Bridge department filled in the wash out area at West Park on 24th street.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Carol advised a couple of the bridges on the horse trails at East Lake need to be filled in at the front of the bridges - there are holes that a horse could step into. May need to replace some of the planks. Trees need trimmed - but riders could do this. Carol asked if they were doing anything about the hay field near the horse trails at East Lake - weeds are taking over. She also recommended that pay boxes be put up at West Park to eliminate having to go pay at bait shop. Shannon advised the boxes are ready - just have

not got around to putting them up yet. She hesitates putting a pay box on the 24th parking area due to possibility of vandalism & being so close to the road.

Old Business: Still looking for by laws/resolutions for board. Dorothy asked how campers are being checked to make sure they have the proper permits & have paid their camping fees. She feels some campers are coming in & leaving without having to pay - especially since the bait shop closed at East Lake. Shannon advised that at West Park, a staff member stays later, sometimes until midnight to check especially if the park is full. Also the sheriffs deputies patrol more often when the park is full.

Regarding the TULIP extra insurance program, the board recommended that this not be purchases/offered by the county. Members felt it would not be cost effective & cause more work for park staff.

Dorothy asked if there were any camp hosts at East Lake & was advised there were 2 couples - one at Willow Bend & the other on Campers Row.

New Business: Carol advised she had a change in her phone # - 316.204.2177

No further business, Carol moved, Dorothy seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried

Next meeting: July 16,2012 at East Lake

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Jackson, Secretary