

Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes June 9, 2016

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on June 9, 2016, at Lime Lake Park in Avoca. The following voting members were present: Troy Wehking (Vice Chair), Justin Hoffmann, James Jens, Dave Thiner, Tom Kappes, Leroy Reese, and Doug Stewart.

Vice Chair Wehking called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

There was no one present for Open Forum.

Secretary's Report:

MSP: Justin Hoffmann and James Jens to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting.

Park Director's Report:

- Hoffmann reported that Murray County information packets were updated and given to camp hosts for distribution to campers.
- He recommended removal of the backstop and home plate from the old ball field at Seven Mile Lake Park. It was discussed and the consensus was to remove it since it doesn't get used any more.
- Parks personnel will be putting a chemical in the lake at Seven Mile Lake Park around the beach, fishing pier, and boat access to help keep the aquatic weeds down
- Seven Mile Lake Park's sand volleyball courts have been getting a lot of use. There will be a weekly league starting in June and there is a tournament scheduled for the weekend of the Wood Duck Festival.
- The ceiling in the picnic shelter at Sundquist Park has been repaired and the beach has been restored.
- The East Sarah turn-around area has been re-seeded and a new tree will be planted once the grass is established.
- \$600 was donated by the Lakers 4-H Club to plant trees at Swenson Park. The trees have been planted and parks staff and the camp host have been watering them.
- The Swenson Park camp hosts and some seasonal campers are going to try hosting a "meet and greet" on Friday evenings for about an hour or so for the campers to get to know each other if they want.
- Spartz Well Company had to replace the well pump at Marsh's Landing

Old Business:

Seasonal Campsite

There are 3 seasonal sites open at Seven Mile Lake Park.

Seven-Mile Lake Park Sewer Hookup to Camp Host Site

The plumber who was going to work on this project has backed out.

New Business:

Review of Lime Lake Park Assets and Potential Projects

It will not be feasible to move in the vault toilet from Dovray. A new restroom with a 2400 gallon tank and grinder system was discussed.

Lake Sarah East

Justin received a request to have the 4' fence replaced with a 6' fence as there have been problems with public urination there. He was advised to post prohibitive signs first, accompanied by fake surveillance cameras, and see if that's effective.

Disc Golf Sign at Swenson Park

The Lakers 4-H Club would like to donate a wood sign to be placed under the Swenson Park entrance sign to advertise the disc golf course. Commission members reviewed a mock-up which states "Current Lake Disc Golf Course. No charge to play. Frisbee discs, maps & scorecards available from campground hosts." When the course was installed, club members said they would erect a box to hold the score cards, maps, and discs. They have a box for the score cards and maps, but not for the discs yet. Commission members recommended that the club get the box built for the discs so they are available all the time and not just when the camp host is around. Or if they only want the host to hand them out, the verbiage regarding the host handing out equipment could be on a separate sign that could be attached to or removed from the main sign, depending on the availability of the campground host.

Bylaws Review

MSP: Dave Thiner and James Jens to approve recommended changes to the Murray County Parks & Recreation Commissioner bylaws and forward to the Murray County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be August 11, 2016 at Seven Mile Lake Park, weather permitting.

MSP: James Jens and Leroy Reese to adjourn the meeting.

Attest: _____
Secretary –Murray County Parks & Recreation
Advisory Commission

President – Murray County Parks & Recreation
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