

Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes August 18, 2016

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on August 18, 2016 at the Murray County Government Center. The following voting members were present: Rick Clercx (Chair), Troy Wehking (Vice Chair), Tom Kappes (Secretary), Justin Hoffmann, James, Jens, Leroy Reese, and Doug Stewart. Ex-officio members in attendance were Jean Christoffels and Amy Rucker.

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

There was no one present for Open Forum.

Agenda:

MSP: Tom Kappes and Leroy Reese to approve the agenda with one change.

Secretary's Report:

MSP: James Jens and Justin Hoffmann to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting.

Park Director's Report:

- Hoffmann reported that the new disc golf sign was installed at Swenson Park. In addition, a box containing discs was installed on the back side of the kiosk by the money box.
- The well pump was replaced at Marsh's Landing. The pump cost over \$2,200 which means that the lighting project will likely be postponed. There is a possibility that the Shetek Area Sportsmen's association will make a contribution toward the lighting project.
- Hoffmann distributed a report showing year-to-date income at the campgrounds versus 2015 income.
- A few bad checks have been received from campers this summer but the Auditor/Treasurer's office was subsequently able to collect on them.
- Tomorrow (8/12) will be the last day for two seasonal parks workers and the other two will be done after next Friday (8/19).
- Modern Woodmen donated money to replace the boards on the dock at East Lake Sarah. The boards were replaced last week. And they plan to donate more money toward new trees at East Lake Sarah and Sundquist Park.
- The overlay at East Lake Sarah is not complete yet.
- He is going to do a presentation for the Monday Study Club at Sundquist Park.
- He met with the County Board in July regarding the parks budget. Some of the items budgeted for in 2017 are tree removal at East Lake Sarah, shop on the fairgrounds, sewer at Sundquist, Fulda picnic shelter, and a bathroom at Lime Lake Park.

Old Business:

Bathroom at Lime Lake Park

The bathroom for Lime Lake Park is included in Hoffmann's 2017 budget request. It will be approximately \$28,000 with the holding tank. Jens reported that it will cost \$400 to hook up to city sewer. The pump will be approximately \$1,400. Approximately ¼ mile of pipe and boring will

be required. Hoffmann will get estimates for the boring and also find out from the City of Avoca what monthly fees will be. Can the Larson donation be used for this project?

New Business:

5-Year Capital Improvement List

The County Board would like each department to submit a 5-year capital improvement list with estimated costs. Jean will compile a list from the Capital Improvement Plan which the members can then prioritize for Hoffmann.

East Lake Sarah Playground

Hoffmann asked about removing the playground as the equipment is getting old. After some discussion it was decided that this topic should be discussed again at the October meeting. Members were asked to take a look at the playground in the meantime if they are in the area.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be October 13 at Seven Mile Lake Park, weather permitting.

MSP: Troy Wehking and Doug Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

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

President – Murray County Parks & Recreation
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