

# ***Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission*** Minutes May 18, 2017

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on May 18, 2017 in Conference Room B of the Murray County Government Center. The following voting members were present: Justin Hoffmann, Tom Kappes, Leroy Reese, Doug Stewart, Rae Storm, David Thiner, and Troy Wehking. Ex-officio members in attendance were Jean Christoffels and Amy Rucker. Also attending were Chris Lewis and Lucas Isder.

Chair Wehking called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

No one was present for Open Forum.

## **Agenda**

Hoffmann asked that "Parks Ordinance" be added to the agenda as "New Business".

**MSP: Hoffmann and Stewart to approve the agenda with the addition.**

## **New Business**

### *Parks Ordinance*

Chris Lewis, Investigator with the Murray County Sheriff's Office, explained that law enforcement is not able to enforce any provisions of the Murray County Parks Ordinance because they are not backed by state statute and don't have defined penalties. He asked that the Commission review the Ordinance, affirm what should remain, delete the rest, and assign a dollar amount for penalties. The recommendations will be incorporated into the Ordinance and forwarded to the County Board for approval, followed by judicial review, and state approval.

It was agreed that a single penalty amount should be selected, with the intent to increase it when necessary, but not until that time as any change would again need County Board and state judicial review and approval.

Action on this item was deferred to later in the meeting.

## **Old Business**

### *Proposed Project in Fulda*

Luke Isder asked for direction from the Commission regarding his proposal for a new county park in Fulda. He reiterated that grant funds are available and the proposed state budget includes more funding for those grant programs.

Action on this item was deferred to later in the meeting.

## **Secretary's Report**

**MSP: Reese and Hoffmann to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting.**

## **Park Director's Report**

- Hoffmann reported that he had to bring in dirt and re-seed around the turnaround at East Sarah where the new asphalt was poured last year. The ground was in bad shape from people driving on it. He asked if we can dig up that area and put in gravel. Christoffels will investigate and determine whether that is allowed.
- Hoffmann passed around a brochure for Garvin Park and asked if he should budget for a Murray County Parks brochure in 2018. Christoffels said that she may be able to use

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) funds to pay for the brochure if it incorporates AIS education along with the promotion of the parks.

- Hoffmann was asked about a monthly camping rate for Seven Mile Lake park. There are 4 seasonal sites and only 2 are reserved so far.

**MSP: Thiner and Kappes to recommend permitting monthly camping for \$400/month at parks where designated seasonal sites are not reserved, provided 2 weeks' notice is given to enable daily rate campers occupying those sites to remain up to 14 days as allowed by Murray County Parks Rules.**

- The new fish grinder at Marsh's Landing was installed. Insurance covered all but the \$1,000 deductible. The Shetek Area Sportsmen's Association donated \$800 toward the deductible.

### **Old Business**

#### *Proposed Project in Fulda*

Discussion regarding the proposed project in Fulda resumed. It was decided that the proposal for a new park is not financially feasible, even with the possibility of receiving grant funds. No action will be recommended to the Murray County Board of Commissioners. Rucker will draft a letter to Luke Isder to be signed by Wehking.

#### *Lime Lake Park Project Update*

The project is currently at a standstill. Hoffmann is trying to find the water line and Schuur Concrete is very busy right now. The project will probably go forward in the late summer or early fall. It was suggested to formally request that the City of Avoca waive connection fees and to also to get the new pipe bored in as soon as possible.

#### *Lake Shetek/Bloody Lake Aeration*

Hoffmann distributed specs for the Airboost aeration system he is considering purchasing. The Cottonwood County Sportsmen's Club has had that same system for 2 or 3 years and they are happy with it. It's self-sinking and simple to install, cheap to operate, and air flow is easy to adjust. They also told him that he'll probably need 1 less diffuser than what the company recommends. The company recommended 4 each for Shetek and Bloody for a total of \$13,483 plus shipping.

The landowner is OK with the County moving the meter and installing a plug-in. He's requesting that the line be bored in. It was suggested that Hoffmann see if another landowner would be receptive to hosting the meter and power.

**MSP Kappes and Reese to recommend purchasing the Airboost system with 4 diffusers for Lake Shetek and 2 for Bloody lake, with the possibility of adding more diffusers if necessary.**

### **New Business**

#### *Parks Ordinance*

Discussion regarding the Parks Ordinance resumed. Recommendations were made regarding each provision in the ordinance: Remove, refer to state statute, remove from the Ordinance altogether, remove from the Ordinance and add to Parks Rules, or keep in the Ordinance and assess a penalty for violation. Rucker will summarize the recommendations and send to Wehking and Hoffmann for their review before sending to Chris Lewis.

**M/S/P Rae Storm and Doug Stewart to recommend assessment of a \$100 penalty for each violation of the Murray County Parks Ordinance and require reimbursement for damages, if any.**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be July 20 at 5:30 p.m. at a location to be determined later.

**MSP: Stewart and Hoffmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

Attest:

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Secretary –Murray County Parks &  
Recreation Advisory Commission

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President – Murray County Parks &  
Recreation Advisory Commission