

# ***Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission* Minutes**

April 19, 2018

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on April 19, 2018 in Conference Room B of the Murray County Government Center in Slayton. The following voting members were present: Leroy Reese (Chair), Rae Storm (Vice Chair), Doug Stewart (Secretary), Justin Hoffmann, James Jens, Tom Kappes, Les Speckmeier, and David Thiner. Ex-officio members in attendance were Jean Christoffels and Amy Rucker.

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

## **Open Forum:**

There was no one present for Open Forum.

## **Agenda:**

**MSP: Hoffmann and Storm to approve the agenda with the addition of “5-Year Capital Improvement Plan” and removal of “2017 Camper Surveys”.**

## **Secretary’s Report:**

**MSP: Kappes and Storm to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting.**

Doug Stewart (Secretary) joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

## **Park Director’s Report:**

- Regarding recognizing the Larson family donation at Lime Lake Park, a memorial from Worthington Monument will cost around \$1,000. The Highway Department could find a rock to use which would reduce the price but Worthington Monument would want to see the rock before giving a quote. Another option would be to purchase a bench from Bedford Industries. They range in price from \$491 to \$1,273. Engraving is an additional \$90. The least expensive option would be to mount a plaque on the picnic shelter.

**It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed that Hoffmann should bring the rock option to the County Board for further discussion.**

- The contractor hired to replace the roof on the picnic shelter at Lime Lake Park asked for a deadline extension. The County Board agreed to extend the deadline to the end of June.
- Another seasonal site at Seven Mile Lake Park has been taken so there is just one left.
- The Environmental Services Department contacted Hoffmann requesting permission to put signs on all fishing piers regarding aquatic invasive species. This will be done at no cost to the county.
- Hoffmann showed a QR code made by Christy Riley, Murray County Communications Coordinator, that can be posted in the parks kiosks for campers to scan with their smart phones to be taken directly to the page on the county website where camping fees can be paid.
- Hoffmann has been in contact with MVTV Wireless, who will be installing wireless internet at three county parks as soon as weather conditions allow.
- The Lakers 4H Club has expressed interest in helping to clean up Swenson Park again this spring. Hoffmann is working with them on selecting a date. And they would like to donate park benches and install them sometime this spring or summer.

- The grass in the turnaround at East Lake Sarah was torn up again this spring. It should be addressed, possibly with an overlay. Hoffmann will talk with Christoffels to find out if it's allowed to add more impervious surface.
- There will be an overlay done on the county road by Marsh's Landing this year. Hoffmann will talk with the Highway Department and see what it might cost to do an overlay at the landing at the same time. There's nothing budgeted for this, but there should be cost savings if it's done at the same time as the road.
- Thiner said that the City of Fulda has permission to apply chemical to kill the weeds in the smaller lake and around private docks. The Fulda Game and Fish Club are going to apply the chemical and he's wondering if the County should ask them to apply chemical near the boat landing and beach at Seven Mile Lake Park at the same time. Hoffmann will apply for a permit for those areas so that they can be treated as well.

### **Old Business:**

#### *Outdoor Recreation Grant Update*

Prior to submitting the grant, Christoffels sent it to the DNR for review. A few small changes were recommended and were made before the final grant was submitted. The total cost for the proposed project at Sundquist Park is \$203,583.32. The grant request was for \$101,791.66. The project proposal includes replacement and relocation of playground equipment with an engineered wood fiber surface, replacement of vault toilets by the east campground with an accessible restroom/shower facility, installation of a septic system/drainfield, installation of paths to all park facilities, and making two campsites and the vault toilet by the boat landing accessible. Many of the items in the proposal are required by the grant. Grant awards will be announced in June.

#### *Parks Brochure Update*

Christy is working with the county's GIS Department on the map and should have a draft by the end of the week. The goal is to have the brochures printed by fishing opener on 5/12 or at least in time for the Lake Shetek Walleye Tournament the following weekend.

#### *Webpage Update*

Rucker handed out a screen shot of the proposed Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission page on the Murray County website. She asked what contact information to use for members. She'll add that to the page and then Christy Riley will link it to the website so people can find it.

### **New Business:**

#### *2019 Park Projects*

Hoffmann proposed that the Parks budget should include the following in 2019:

- Seven Mile Lake Park & East Sarah Overlays
- Lime Lake Dam (set aside funds for 2021 project)
- Light by fishing pier at Marsh's Landing
- New playground equipment at Swenson and East Sarah Parks (and Sundquist – if the grant applied for last month is not awarded)

#### **MSP: Storm and Speckmeier to approve budgeting for the aforementioned projects in 2019.**

Remaining short-term projects are as follows:

- Lime Lake Dam (2020) (set aside funds for 2021 project)
- Seven Mile Lake Park Picnic Shelter (2021)
- Lime Lake Park Dam (complete project in 2021)
- Picnic shelter by beach at Sundquist Park (2022)
- Campsites at Corabelle Park (2023)

Hoffmann was asked to check into adding gravel to the roads at all of the parks.

*Marsh's Landing Sign*

Commission members looked at a photo of the damaged Marsh's Landing sign and a mock-up of a sign from B&K Designs that would cost approximately \$400.

Hoffmann said that the MCC shop class can create a sign with their new plasma cutter for approximately \$125, but they haven't provided a mock-up yet.

It was agreed that Hoffmann should see the MCC mockup before making a decision.

*Parks Tours*

It was decided that the next Parks meeting will include a tour of the Corabelle, Lime Lake, and Seven Mile Lake Parks. Rucker will reserve a bus through United Community Action Partnership.

Swenson, Sundquist, East Sarah, and Marsh's Landing can be toured at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be June 14 at 5:30 p.m. and will include a tour of three county parks. The meeting place for the tour will be announced at a later date. The meeting date will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday so that Parks Commission members who are also on the Planning Commission will be able to participate.

**MSP: Hoffmann and Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary –Murray County Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Commission

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President – Murray County Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Commission