

Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes October 18, 2018

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on October 18, 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, 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.

Agenda:

MSP: Kappes and Stewart to approve the agenda.

Secretary's Report:

MSP: Hoffmann and Jens to approve the minutes of the August 23 meeting.

Park Director's Report:

- Hoffmann distributed a photo of the engraved rock at Lime Lake Park that acknowledges the Larsons' donation.
- All the parks have been sprayed for weeds this fall.
- Luke Isder has raised all the money needed for the Seven Mile Lake Park project. Everything should be installed next spring or summer.
- Hoffmann met with the County Board regarding the Sundquist land. The Board decided to decline Steve Sundquist's offer to sell the land. Hoffmann contacted Mr. Sundquist regarding that decision.
- Seven Mile and Sundquist Parks still have the water on as there are campers there yet.
- We now have approval to start the grant project at Sundquist. Outhouses and sidewalks were torn out on Monday. Fill has been delivered. Seeding will be done. Hoffmann is waiting for the septic design so that bids can be let on bathrooms. He would like the work to be done before July 4 and will probably request a June 24 deadline.
- All fishing piers are out. A few docks have been pulled out. Some will be brought to town for repair over the winter.
- They've been working on mulching leaves and will mow one more time.
- Justin is applying for FEMA funds for repair of the dam at Lime Lake Park.

Old Business:

Bathroom and Playground Plans for Sundquist County Park Improvements

Hoffmann presented the bathroom and playground plans.

The bathroom will be like the one at Swenson. Consensus was that the plans were good. In addition, based on lessons learned from Swenson, the floors should be sealed, there should be more slope to the floor drains, and there should be concrete block at the bottom of the inside walls rather than wood.

MSP: Kappes and Stewart that Hoffmann proceed and bring the bathroom and playground plans to the County Board.

Review Capital Improvement Plans 5 & 10 Year Projects

Several projects have been completed and were removed from the plan. Additions and changes were as follows:

- Corabelle: Change “fishing pier” to “fishing pier/aluminum dock” (5-year)
- Forman Acres: Add “potential parking area” (5-year)
- Lake Sarah East: Add “picnic shelter rehab” (5-year)
- Sundquist: Add “additional campsites” (10-year)
- Lime Lake: Add “additional campsites” (10-year)
- Marsh’s Landing: Change “docks” to “dock”
- Seven Mile Lake Park: Remove “ball field” and change “multiple restroom facilities” to “restroom facilities with showers”.
- Swenson: “Add “additional campsites” and “additional sidewalks” (5-year)

New Business:

Camping Fees

Hoffmann reported on camping fees collected to date including seasonal rentals:

- Sundquist: \$11,302.26
- Lime Lake: \$1,068.32
- Seven Mile: \$8,245.00
- Swenson: \$15,207.00

It was discussed that camping fees at some parks have been lower due to having older bathrooms, but by the summer of 2019, all parks with camping will have updated bathroom facilities.

MSP: Jens and Storm to establish consistent camping fees at all parks beginning in 2019: \$17 per night and \$1,200 per season.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be December 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Murray County Government Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest: _____

Secretary –Murray County Parks & Recreation
Advisory Commission

President – Murray County Parks & Recreation
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