

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

August 25, 2020

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on August 26, 2020 at Corabelle Lake Park, located south of the City of Iona. The following voting members were present: Leroy Reese (Chair), James Jens, Justin Hoffmann, Tom Kappes, Jon Hoyme, and David Thiner. Jean Christoffels, ex-officio member, was in attendance as well. Others present: Pat & Lisa Kremer and Duane Spartz.

Call Meeting to Order:

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

Open Forum:

No one was present.

Agenda:

MSP: Hoffmann, Kappes to approve the agenda with the addition of 6b. Election of Vice Chair and moving Corabelle Park Projects discussion to the top.

New Business:

Corabelle Park Projects

- Maps distributed showed two possible locations for camp sites.
- Four or more camp sites will be regulated by Public Health.
- To be allowed the number of sites on map, the bathroom and picnic shelter must be relocated to at least 225 feet from the lake.
- Bathroom is in bad shape, would need to be replaced.
- Discussion with Pat & Lisa Kremer and Duane Spartz about the possibility of contracting with the Kremers for use of their well. May not be possible because it is a non-community well.
- Turnaround by the lake should be increased, maybe make into horseshoe shape.
- May need to identify property boundary better as park users have, on occasion, used the Kremer's barn bathroom; discussed fence, bushes and signage. Kremers not in favor of fence, thought signage would be sufficient.
- Rural water is at least two miles west of the park; drilling a new well could cost about \$17,500, at a depth of 300 feet or more.
- Plans to be revisited at a future meeting with all options looked at including grant availability and doing the project in phases – maybe only adding half the number of sites to start.

Secretary's Report:

MSP: Hoffmann, Kappes to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting as written.

Park Director's Report:

- Garbage cans at East Lake Sarah Park were removed; too much private garbage, potentially from lake residents. Private garbage is now showing up in recycling sheds. Have seen same thing happening in Avoca Park – hate to remove garbage cans because there are camp sites. May need to install signs and cameras.
- After 4th of July, Marsh's Landing was full of fireworks debris; Justin spoke with Valhalla Campground owners and he got it cleaned up.
- Individuals coming to Sundquist Park just to use shower facilities; do not leave a mess.

- Fulda sidewalk project around beach areas was poured last week. County Board approved using \$1,200 of the forfeited land monies for this project. Seeding will be done later this fall.
- Forman Acres parking lot project will start when Highway Department has time this fall. Suggestion made to add a picnic table next spring to Forman Park.
- Complaints about boat accesses – boaters are power-loading their boats onto their trailers. Justin checked with the DNR and they use 5’x12’ concrete panels that lock together; may try the panels at one of the landings.

Old Business:

Lime Lake Dam Project

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to conduct the Feasibility Study for the Lime Lake Dam Project was distributed. It has been reviewed by DNR Dam Division and will still need to be reviewed by County Attorney.

MSP: Hoyme, Kappes to move forward with the Request for Proposal for the Lime Lake Dam Replacement Project Feasibility Study once finalized and approved by the County Attorney.

Election of Vice Chair:

Thiner nominated Les Speckmier as Vice Chair, with Hoffmann seconding.

MSP: Thiner, Hoffmann to have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Les Speckmier as Vice Chair.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be October 29, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

MSP: Jens, Hoffmann to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

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

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