

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
February 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Colby called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

Present at meeting: Commissioner Richard Lovelady, Board members Bruce Whetstine, Karl Gaskell, Colby Knudson, Brianna Dowell, and City Administrator John Calhoon

Visitor: Lake Caretaker Mike Cline

Motion by Bruce to approve meeting minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Colby.

Public comment: Mike Cline was present to give an update on improvements being made at the lake. Mike said we have had about 7 different campers in the 14-day spots through the winter so far and 2 campers that have been in the same spots since November. They are in the process of remodeling the shower house. The walls are painted, Epoxy flooring is ordered to be put down the first of March, and new sinks have been installed. Mike also said picnic tables are being painted and repaired, he is in the process of trying to get fire rings for the 14-day spots, flowerpots have been stained, new playground equipment will be installed soon. It was suggested that we stake down the fire rings and mark them "City of Horton" to help prevent theft. Mike will get with the Chamber and local businesses about helping with having a breakfast at the lake this spring.

Old Business:

The Commission was given a copy of the Lake Rules and Regulations with the changes that we discussed at the previous Parks & Rec Meeting. John provided a list of questions the Commission had regarding some of the changes.

1. Lottery camping spot protocols- In trying to cut down the number of people that are there for the same spot for the same person, proof of registration and valid photo ID will be required to receive a number for the drawing.
2. Switching camping spots- Established campers wishing to switch spots with other established campers need to speak with the City Administrator and Utility Billing Clerk.
3. Allowing others to camp with a different camper in their spot- Recommended anyone allowing someone else to camp in their spot when their camper is not there to pay in advance a daily rate of \$12.00 or they prepay by April 15th a yearly fee of \$275. The camper that has signed the 'Campground Agreement' and the camper using their spot must let the Lake Caretaker know and pay him ahead of time.
4. Parking on grass- More signs will be posted to specifically state where parking on the grass is not allowed.
5. How many camping spots are allowed per individual or husband and wife?- Grandfather in people that already have multiple spots, with people having to prove that they have a camper at signups, it should eliminate anyone without a camper getting a spot. Anyone camping in a spot that is in someone else's name should fill out paperwork at City Hall so that the bill is going to the correct person. Established campers will be allowed to hand down their spot to their children if they have had the spot for at least 7 years.

Missing cove signs have not been completed; Karl will get with Lindsey to get them completed by the beginning of camping season.

Camper sign up for open camping spots will be held on Friday, March 18th at 6 pm at the Blue Building.

New Business- No new business

Administrator's Report- John has had gravel delivered in Camping Area J and at the north end to be spread. John will get estimates to make a road through the north end and reposition some of the campers.

John has playground equipment he is offering to sell to the city for some of the playgrounds. Motion by Karl to reimburse John \$75.00 for playground equipment. Seconded by Bruce.

There have been two letters of interest submitted to John to join the Park Board. The board is a 4 member board, and is now full.

John has talked to a couple people about the Pool Pump Shelter. Bids are too high in his opinion.

Commissioner Report- Richard and John talked about the epoxy flooring bids for the shower house at the lake. It should be started March 2nd and be done in approximately two days.

Board Member Items- Colby said he still doesn't think he has seen the "No Exit" signs in certain coves that can not be driven through. John said they were ordered and should be up but will check on it.

Motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm by Karl. Seconded by Bruce.