

**SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
SCOTT COUNTY PARK**



May 23, 2008

Board members present:

Rich Mohr
Carol Fennelly
Skip O'Donnell
Gene Weis
Beth McAleer

Board members absent:

Others present:

Roger A. Kean, Director
Marc Miller, Deputy Director
Barb Harden, Administrative Assistant
Gary Reab

Scott County Park Pool Waterslide Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: The Scott County Board and Conservation Board met prior to the Board meeting to dedicate the new waterslides. Present were Jim Hancock, Tom Sunderbruch, Larry Minard, Roxanna Moritz, Ray Wierson, Dave Ong and staff along with the pool manager and assistant manager, Kurt Allemeier from the QC Times, Barb Geerts from the North Scott Press and a camera person from Channel 8 News. Roger Kean talked about how the pool plans have been progressing and had pictures posted showing the work that has taken place. Jim Hancock thanked the Conservation Board and Scott County Park staff for all of the hard work and dedication to improving the pool and was very pleased with all of the improvements. Carter Valliere, Michael Mohr, and Madelyn & Lauryn Youngers were the first "official" users of the slides even though the day was rainy and chilly (although the water temp was 74°).

Rich Mohr, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:56 at the Glynns Creek Clubhouse at Scott County Park.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 9th meeting were reviewed for additions and/or corrections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the minutes from the April meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

BILLS: Reviewed for the month of April.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the bills from April as presented, seconded by Ms. Fennelly, all in favor and passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Reab of Blue Grass, Iowa was present and asked the Board to consider putting additional rock around an area he walks at Railroad and Blue Grass Lakes. Mr. Reab also spoke to the Board of his concern about receiving a ticket for not putting his dog on a leash after being requested to by a Park Officer and requested that the Board consider exempting areas of the park from the leash law.

CORRESPONDENCE RECAP:

- ◆ Board reviewed the letter from Cystic Fibrosis Foundation thanking them for their approval of the Cystic Fibrosis' walk on May 17th.

BUSINESS:

Introduction of the New Cody Homestead Site Coordinator:

Marilyn McCool was introduced to the Board. She has been working with Sandy Reed learning what her duties are and has helped with the tour groups. There will be some renovating of the house done before the McCool's move in sometime in June.

Approval of Purchase of Skid Loader Bids:

This is a government bid through Bobcat for 2 S300 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loaders.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the purchase of the two Bobcat Skid-Steer Loaders, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Update on Buffalo Shores Recreation Area Flooding & Re-Opening:

Buffalo Shores re-opened on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 a.m. There are 17 sites that cannot be used until they have been restored properly. Boat docks were not in for the Memorial Day weekend but will be put in as soon as it is possible. Also, tents will not be allowed to be set up on the grass anywhere in the campground until further notice. The public was made aware to use extra precautions on the beach and around wet areas, and to observe health and safety practices associated with flooding.

Update on Memorial Day Holiday Preparations and Facility Openings:

The Scott County Park pool and West Lake Park Beach and Boathouse will be open for Memorial Day weekend. The pool will be open for the season starting on Saturday, May 31st with WLP beach and boathouse opening on Saturday, June 7th for the season. In addition, Pioneer Village hosted their Heritage Days on the 25th and 26th.

Director's Performance Appraisal:

Each Board member had previously received a copy of the completed appraisal for their review. The Board members stated they felt the department is moving in the right direction and feel Mr. Kean is doing a good job and looking out for the bottom line. Mr. Kean told the Board he appreciated their support and encouragement and that he enjoys working with them.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve Mr. Kean's Performance Appraisal as presented, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Approval of Water Slide Rules:

The Board reviewed the Water Slide Rules and were asked to approve the rules so that they can be enforced and so the pool can post safety signs.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. McAleer to approve the enforcement of the Water Slide Rules as presented and also have safety signs posted at the pool as necessary, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, all in favor and passed.

Update on Spray Pad Phase:

There was discussion concerning the layout and design of the spray pad as shown on the diagram from Water Odyssey. The Board was asked for their approval of the plan so work could start in July/August to be completed by fall for opening in the spring.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Weis to approve the Spray Pad plan from Water Odyssey (W10170-02), seconded by Ms. Fennelly, all in favor and passed.

Golf Report:

The report was reviewed and discussed.

NRPA Arrangements:

The NRPA Itinerary was given to each Board member and they were asked to let the secretary know if they will be able to attend so that travel arrangements can be made.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the West Lake Park Scott County Conservation Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Weis, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, all in favor and passed.

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer