

**SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
WEST LAKE PARK - HEADQUARTERS**



August 13, 2008

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Others present:

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

Rich Mohr, Chairman called the meeting to order.

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the minutes from the July meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

BILLS: Reviewed for the month of July.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

- ◆ Notice of Public Hearing for Preliminary Plat for Harmony Hills Estates 2nd Addition
 - This was an informational item so the Board was aware of these plans

BUSINESS:

Review of Governors Country Run Special Event Application:

Conservation staff members met with the organizers of this event to go over the details. Governors Run organizers will work with the Scott County Park Manager on setting up the two run routes and will review training for their course marshals. If after the race it is determined that there is significant damage to the run routes, a limit on participants will be imposed next year for their race. Also it was discussed that if the weather is a problem it could cancel or limit the race and different routes may be necessary.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the 20th Annual Governors Country Run on November 2, 2008, subject to the items discussed with Conservation staff including those stated on the application form along with a \$360 fee, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, all in favor and passed.

Review of Polar Plunge Special Event Application:

Special Olympics did not have time to re-submit a new application for this meeting omitting additional language they had added in on their original application. Since their event is in October and they need to start advertising it, they requested that the Board consider their request and in the meantime would send a new application. Since this is a yearly event, and is for a charitable cause the Board did review the application with the understanding that a new application would be submitted and the additional language would be omitted.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at West Lake Park beach on October 25, 2008 subject to the Conservation office receiving a new application without any additional language added to it. In the event the new application is not received, Special Olympics would need to find a different location for their event, seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Weather Damage Update:

In addition to the two floods that affected the parks, a severe windstorm hit West Lake Park area on July 21st. This closed the park for almost a week as a 70,000 volt transmission line had fallen across parts of the park including the road to the beach area. Our hardworking staff removed dangerous trees and are still making repairs and cleaning up other downed trees. Most of the damage was limited to trees, umbrellas and shade structures at the Beach/Boathouse area. Thankfully, there were no injuries or damage to campers. Marc Miller is working with FEMA for reimbursement for most of our damages.

Public Hearing on Plans and Specifications for Scott County Park Pool Spray Pad Features:

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to open for comments the Public Hearing on Plans and Specifications for Scott County Park Pool Spray Pad Features, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

MOTION:

No one was present to make comments. A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to close the Public Hearing for the Plans and Specifications for Scott County Park Pool Spray Pad Features, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Approval of Scott County Park Pool Spray Pad Features:

The plans were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the Scott County Park Pool Spray Pad as presented in the Site Plan submitted by Burbach Aquatics, Inc., seconded by Mr. Weis, all in favor and passed.

Buffalo Shores Campground Re-Opening:

The campgrounds have been closed since June 12th. Buffalo Shores survived two floods this year along with losing approximately 1/3 of its trees in the windstorm, but was able to re-open on August 8th. The 17 river view sites remain closed as they were the most damaged. Also, due to re-seeding, no tents or mats are allowed on the grass. Business has been slow, but we are happy to have the facilities open again.

Press Release on Closing of Swimming Facilities:

With most of the seasonal staff returning to school, the yearly closure press release was sent out with the new open and close hours. The Board was also given charts showing an increase in attendance at the pool over 2007.

Approval of 2008 Deer Hunt Rules and Regulations:

This is a yearly update of the rules and regulations; the main change is that the hunt at Scott County Park will only be 2 days this year instead of 3.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Fennelly to approve the 2008 Deer Hunt Rules and Regulations as presented, seconded by Ms. McAleer, all in favor and passed.

Glynns Creek Lease Agreement:

The lease agreement for the Toro maintenance equipment has now expired with the final payment being made. In order to reduce expenses, the golf course will suspend scheduled equipment replacement for as long as possible but they will continue to assess how the equipment is holding up.

Golf Report:

The report was reviewed and discussed.

NRPA Conference Registration:

The Board was asked to re-confirm that they would be attending the conference as early-bird registration expires 8/22/08. All members that had indicated they would be attending are still planning to attend.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the West Lake Park Scott County Conservation Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer