

MINUTES
CURRY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- First meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order on January 2, 2019 at 5:15 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- none

INTRODUCTIONS- Present Committee members: Dave Padgett, Eric Hanson, Asa Bissel, and Erin Kessler each provided an introduction and reason why they wanted to be a part of the Committee.
Also Present: Parks and Recreation Director Josh Hopkins, Curry County Administrator Clark Schroeder.

DRAW FOR POSITIONS- Director Hopkins passed around straws for positions. Position 1 Asa Bissel, Position 2 Erin Kessler, Position 3 Dave Padgett, Position 4 Eric Hanson.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

General Parks Overview- Director Hopkins provided an overview to Committee members. Discussion included information on why the Committee was formed. Parks Departments history. Lobster Creek Camp information and usage. Boice Cope Park information, usage, current remodel projects, online reservation system, and history on increased use. Bagnell Ferry Boat Launch history, usage, and condition. Current budget information, explanation of where the budget money comes from.

Questions were asked about the Boice Cope Day Use Fee, if there was a season pass, if anyone had broken into the fee box, if there was a vehicle limit at Boice Cope, and if any of the additional County owned land could be developed to elevate the traffic on the road at Boice Cope. Director Hopkins explained the history behind the fee, there is a \$35.00 season pass, and since the fee box was put in the Department has had a large increase in people paying the fee. No one has broken into the box, but someone did write on the sticker which was replaces. There is no vehicle limit, but there are extra vehicle fees. That the County has looked into developing the additional land for Boice Cope 2 before, and it would be something the Committee will be looking into in the future. Director Hopkins showed on a projector the different land the County owns in the area.

Note: Audio recording stopped at 24:14 minutes into the meeting. The following is a summary of the remainder of the meeting.

Administrator Schroeder spoke about the possible land swap with ORPD. The committee offered ideas about possible recreational facilities that could be built on the swapped parcel including, hiker biker camping, RV park, pump track, bike trails, hiking trails, and discussed partnering with the school for activities. Possible concerns regarding increase in traffic around the school were discussed.

Social Security Bar- Director Hopkins provided overview of Social Security Bar information to gauge if the Committee felt to project deserved to investigate further. Ms. Kessler made a motion to support the Parks Department in continuing to look into the possibility of developing a County Park on the Social Security Bar. Motion seconded and passed with no objections.

County Park Rules and Regulations- Reviewed possible regulation updates for County Parks provided by Director Hopkins. General consensus that regulations need updated, wording revised, decided nothing should be voted on at this time.

Future direction of Committee- Director Hopkins explained some future projects the Committee will be working on and welcomed input on what Committee would like to work on.

FUTURE MEETINGS- Next meeting Wednesday March 6th, 2019, 5:00 pm.

ADJOURN- Meeting Adjourned approximately 7:00 pm.