

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from June 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, Bret Barr, Dan Baker, Gail Richgels, Jeremy Simplot, Laura Anderson, Mary Foley, Tom Jenks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerry Riley

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Welsh, Park Manager
Tom Michek, Assistant Park Manager
Helen Laufenberg
Don Leix

The meeting notice was legally posted.

The meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 6:32 p.m.

Public Input – Questions and concerns were raised by commission members regarding the individuals performing “camp host” duties in exchange for camping privileges. Members were troubled as this matter was tabled at the December meeting and not revisited with the board prior to employment of the individuals. Dan reported at the present time the individuals were cleaning all of the restrooms/bath houses. There is a savings in hours from not hiring additional staff. Current youth staff is performing other maintenance duties such as trimming, fire pit cleaning, etc. The couple is covered by Blackhawk Lake’s liability insurance and will remain at the campground until October. A motion was made by Jeremy Simplot and seconded by Dan Baker to allow the individuals to remain at the campground as staff provided performance is acceptable. The motion carried. The “camp host” position will be revisited in the fall.

Minutes from the March 2020, May 1, 2020, and May 18, 2020 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Foley, seconded by Jeremy Simplot to approve the minutes from these three meetings. The motion carried.

The treasurer’s reports from March 2020, April 2020, and May 2020 were reviewed. A motion was by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Al Linscheid to approve the financial reports for the three months of March, April, and May 2020. The motion carried.

Beach/Playground/Group Camping/Concessions:

- The beach, playground, group camp sites, and concessions stand have been closed; however not everyone has followed these restrictions. Following discussion, Dan Baker moved to re-open the campground including the beach, playground, group camp sites, and concession stand with social distancing recommended. Mary Foley seconded the motion. The motion carried. A list of recommendations for social distancing, small group sites, etc. will be made available to campers.

Maintenance Update:

- The new docks have been installed and the new bumpers are in place.

New Business:

- Report on Campground Reopening – Both window service and in-person office service will be allowed.
- DNR Response to Iowa County Dams/Blackhawk Lake Rec Area – The board members reviewed the responses from the DNR relative to questions from the County regarding the dams.

The next meeting will be held July 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the park office.

Dan will check with the Land Conservation Committee regarding the joint meeting and annual picnic which are usually held at the August meeting.

Bret Barr mentioned the potential for future seasonal campsites at Blackhawk Lake. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Simplot and seconded by Al Linscheid. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.