

Proposed Zoo hours

Currently: Sept 1 – Oct 31 7:00 am -5 pm. Monday – Saturday  
1:00 pm – 5 pm Sunday  
April 1 – Memorial Day 7:00 am -5 pm. Monday – Saturday  
1:00 pm – 5 pm Sunday

Currently a 10 hour day the two Zoo keepers must cover the entire seven days. There is not any other consistent help for those two months unless we have volunteers who cannot do a lot of the work.

During the Months of Sept and October each of the Keepers will have worked by themselves at least ½ of the days of the month. (10 hrs/day). When each works alone, all the daily maintenance of the grounds and the maintenance and feeding of the animals has to be done and a result they are unable to leave the zoo to do other errands such as the 2-3 weekly food pickups from the local grocery stores. This is put on other parks staff or a manager to do. We do not currently have any other employees who work 10 hours days alone. This is also a safety concern for the employee as well.

We would like to propose the following hours in the Fall and Spring before the seasonal staff begins to be:

9-5 pm: Monday – Saturday

1-5 pm: Sunday

We do not believe this will make a significant difference to the public because there are very few people in the zoo the hours during the hours of 7am-9 am. The same time after school hours would be maintained.

This 8 hour day would allow both keepers schedule additional days together which would result in more being accomplished because one person isn't doing both jobs.

We do not feel that this would have much of a negative impact on the public but would have a tremendous positive impact on the employees by allowing them to get more things done.