

Richland County Parks Commission
July 7th, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The July 7th, 2014 meeting was called to order by County Conservationist Cathy Cooper at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Bob Bellman, Duane Klang, Charles Parduhn, Gary Peters, Don Seep, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Josh Miller and Cathy Cooper.

First thing on the agenda was the election of officers. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to nominate Bob Bellman for Chairperson second made by Don Seep. After asking for any other nominations Chip Parduhn moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Bellman as Chairperson second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Nomination carried.

Bob accepted the nomination and took over the meeting.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to nominate Chip Parduhn for Vice Chairperson, second made by Don Seep. After asking for any other nominations Steve Kohlstedt moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Chip Parduhn as Vice Chairperson second made by Gary Peters. Nomination carried.

Motion made by Don Seep to nominate Larry Jewell for secretary, second made by Chip Parduhn. After asking for any other nominations Duane Klang moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Jewell as Secretary second made by Chip Parduhn. Nomination carried.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to appoint Cathy Cooper as the recording secretary second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Tammy mailed the agenda out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Gary Peters moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification; seconded by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Klang to approve the minutes of the June 2nd, 2014 meeting second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Public input was moved to the end of the meeting.

Steve Kohlstedt gave a brief report on the rifle range. Need to order more planks from the Rockbridge Sawmill. Don Seep made the motion to have Steve order 10 planks from the Rockbridge Sawmill second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

2014-15 Snowmobile Grant resolution was next. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to take the Grant to County Board when it comes either at the July or August County Board meeting second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Cathy gave a brief update on the bike trail. There have been 2 permits issued for travel on the trail with a motorized vehicle to Town & County Engineering and Woodland Consultants. Chip has spoken with Town & County Engineering as they want to take a tour of the trail before they start construction of laying the sewer pipes. Cathy also reported that the trail has been mowed.

The outdoor recreational plan needs to be updated, Cathy will check into to last plan that was done by Southwest Regional Planning.

Mike Drake contract payments for the mowing of the parks was discussed; Cathy explained to the commission that he will receive the final 10% of his contract in November by committee approval. The monthly payments are made by the County Clerk's office automatically.

It had been previously reported that there has been camping at a couple of the boat launches in the county. Mike Nice, DNR Warden, has concerns with the camping as "Boscobel Outfitters" has been promoting the camping. Cathy reported that "no camping" signs have been ordered and the highway department will be placing them.

Rockbridge Park was discussed at length. Josh Miller observed the archeological dig, some artifacts have been found, pottery shards, arrowheads. There were some bones found but they need to be identified. Cathy and Don both were present on the 23rd of June and not much had been found at that time. Thanks to Josh we will be able to keep a few of the items that were found. Steve Kohlstedt suggested maybe having a small display at the Rockbridge Store. Bob Bellman has asked George Christianson, Professor in charge of the dig, for a report on the findings.

Don Seep has many suggestions for the general development of the Park, walking trail on the other side of the rock; repairing the stairway on the Northwest part of the park; Consideration of removing trees that are obstructing the view of the rock; construction of driveway on the west side of the Rock; exploring the options of more parks in the county.

Isaac Bewick's mother had contacted the commission about donating a bench to the park as a memorial a copy of the agenda was sent to Jessi's father, Bill Bewick; however he was not in attendance of the meeting. Cathy was directed to find out from the Richland Center City Park if they have standards that they follow for benches.

Cathy will be ordering a catalog for playground equipment and will talk with Terry from the Richland Center City Parks Department as to what it cost them. It was also suggested to take current equipment out and make repairs and paint before returning it to the park.

Steve had 3 truckloads of bricks brought out to the park that were donated by the Symons Complex; some have been take, but the bulk of the bricks remain. Suggestions for the use of the bricks have been fire pit, walking path or patio off of the shelters.

The staircase and footbridge will be further discussed on the tour of the park.

Steve Kohlstedt had to leave.

The bills were presented as follows: Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$306.00; Richland County Highway Commission, \$1,996.90; SHI International Corp., \$637.21; Deckert Supply Co., Inc; \$200.90; WI State Lab of Hygiene, \$27.00; CDW Government, \$32.73. Before a motion to pay the bills was entertained there was a concern voiced about the cost of the rolling of the bike trail by the Highway Department; Cathy went thru the bill at the meeting but was unsure what I.L.C. meant. Don Seep moved to not pay the highway department bill until the Highway Department explained the bill and Bob Bellman approved it, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Don Seep moved to approve the remaining bills, seconded by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Public Input; Josh Miller would like the commission to look at some updating of the bathrooms at the park.

Other items; Don Seep would like to store the Hidden Valley Magazines somewhere that is convenient for distribution purposes.

The next meeting date is August 4th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Cathy had to leave.

The commission took a walk through natural bridge and toured the westside of rock. The commission looked at the trees on the eastside of the rock and would like to get estimates on the cost to removing some of the trees. The well needs to be repaired; the commission needs to contact a plumber.

Chip Parduhn made motion to adjourn, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair