

Richland County Parks Commission
October 6th, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The October 6th, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:28 p.m. Members present were Bob Bellman, Duane Klang, Charles Parduhn, Gary Peters, Don Seep, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Chris Carley and Cathy Cooper.

Tammy mailed the agenda out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2014 meeting second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Public input, Don Seep inquired about a bill for the pumping of the Rockbridge Park holding tank. Cathy will check with Tammy.

Next on the agenda was the bike trail; A. Update on sewer line construction. They have been in contact with Chip almost daily and Cathy has noticed that they were at the Nee property at Highway 14. Chip reported about a culvert that the crew has replaced and back filled at no cost to the Parks. Chip & Cathy have met with Frank Brey, engineer on the sewer project. It was asked if they will be done before snow flies and Chip thought barring any difficulties they will be done.

B. Culvert replacement; as stated earlier in the meeting, the engineer company that is doing the work on the sewer line has a free culvert that they have place. This will be a donation.

C- ATV & UTV uses on the trail; Pat Werner stopped into the office to let us know that they are still looking for the court order paperwork that allowed motorized vehicles on "Rails to Trails" trails. Pat was asking about when the trails were transfers to the county. Steve informed Cathy that there are 2 letters, 1 from Richard Black, Department of Transportation, previous administrator and a national letter. Cathy stated that we will continue to search.

Next on the agenda was the outdoor recreational plan. A) Community meeting, Steve gave a list of names that should be invited to this meeting on the 21st, of October at the County Board Room 7pm to 9pm. A list of names is attached to the master minutes. Bob Bellman would also like an ad in both the Richland Observer & the Shopping News. Motion made by Don Seep to authorize placing an ad in both local papers, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Rifle Range: Steve reported that the standards have been fixed; he is thinking it was the Pine River Gun Club that had done that, at this point Cathy reported that 1 of the standards is out of the ground again as Sunday; Steve said that he would go out and fix it on Tuesday. Steve reported that the range is down to 2 planks out of the 10 that were ordered previously. Steve suggested that sometime this winter the parks commission have a meeting with law enforcement and to work out some issues and maybe suggest some patrolling of the range in the off hours, maybe suggesting they either take over the range or assist in keeping it open to the public.

Rockbridge Park was next on the agenda; Playground equipment - Cathy has been in contact someone regarding the safety around the equipment she was told that sand would be ok if the drop is less than 5 feet, so under the swings the sand would not be an acceptable safety barrier. Steve thinks that the sand would be acceptable for the county parks. Steve and Cathy didn't have time this past month to get together and put together a bid package as of yet. It has been suggested to use the engineered wood fibers as the Richland Center City Park uses. The bid package first needs to get put together for the new equipment. Bob Bellman would like something in writing from the person that Cathy has been working with regarding the equipment that we can fix to bring up to standard. The liability for the county park is nonexistent as it is for recreational use. Steve suggested that we get the things done that we can do now, like removing some of the teeter totter, the horse swings and any of the medal that has been deemed unsafe.

Next was the land donation – Cathy reported that as soon as Ben gets the original paper work regarding Clara Berry's Son as her power of attorney, he will be able to move forward. The current owners are asking for a letter stating that they will not be liable for any of the expenses in this donation, i.e.: the survey, 2014 property taxes, recording fees and any other incidentals that may come up. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to have Ben Southwick develop a letter and send to them, second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Cathy will check with the status of the pumping of the parks holding tank.

Other Items; Chris Carley, Richland County Snowmobile Alliance President, reported that they will be replacing 2 bridges on the bike trail on Saturday October 25th. Both of them are along Randy Schmidt's property. Chris will get the names of the people that will be able to charge at the All American Do It Center. The bills for the bridge repairs will be coming out of the Snowmobile Grant. Chris also mentioned that the club will be replacing a bridge in the Hub City area that will also be coming out of the Grant. There will be a trail going to Hub City this year. The club will be using the old trail that will be going thru the Severson property. There are a few more issues to deal with. Cathy told Chris to let Tammy know when there issues with the trail. Chris does have a cell number that people can call to get the current trails status.

Don also had some other items that he wanted to bring up. 1. At the last highway commission meeting they approved a resolution to submit a revised ordinance for the Cazenovia ATV & UTV club to use certain pursues of the county roads so they can make a loop around Hub City and Cazenovia. 2. Dan Miller had asked kayaking ports. Gary Peters said that it is still being worked on. Steve talked about the fact that the county doesn't have any ownership of the land on County Highway D where the Kayakers would get out.

The bills were presented as follows: Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$306.00; Village of Boaz, \$375.00; Town of Buena Vista, \$375.00; City of Richland Center, \$6,000.00; Darrell Olson Excavating, \$585.00. Motion was made by Gary Peters to approve the October bills as presented second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried

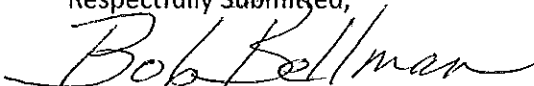
2915 budget has been set with no issues going into the next year.

Next meeting date is November 3rd, 2014 at 5:30pm. There will also be a meeting with the public on Tuesday October 21st, 2014 7pm in the County Board Room,

Don Seep made motion to adjourn (discussion of items on the November agenda), second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Bellman

Parks Commission Chair