

Richland County Parks Commission
November 3rd, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The November 3rd, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Gary Peters, Don Seep, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel, Michael Schinhelm, Town & County Engineering, Tom Taylor, James Peterson Sons, Brian Noth, James Peterson Sons, Brad Templin Richland Valley Renegades Snowmobile Club, Dave Huth, Richland Center Waste Water, Frank Brey, Town & County Engineering, Members of the Richland Snowmobile Group, Greg Vetesnik, Steve Hanold, Jim Schneider, Kerry Severson, Jason Hill, Charles Burnley, Norm Hillesheim and Chris Carley, and Cathy Cooper. Duane Klang was absent

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the October 6th & 21st, 2014 meeting second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Public input/ Bike – Snowmobile trail, Frank Brey, project manager, contractors are making really good progress on the new sewer treatment line as of the date of this meeting an addition crew has been brought in to further the project along a little faster. There will be a third crew coming possibly by the end of November. Discussion of the snowmobile use on the bike trail has the earliest date of trails being open is December 15th with the exception of the holiday hunt and weather permitting. The construction company is confident that they will be done with the majority of the pipe laying on the trail with construction mainly happening around the new treatment plant. Dave Huth, City Waste Water Treatment plant stated that they would provide a detour for the snowmobile alliance group near the new treatment plant. A question was presented to the engineer company of a "what if" they don't get done. The engineering company feels confident that they will be done but even if not the trail would be open for the snowmobile season. Discussion followed, it was stated that if there is a long term of below zero weather, then the construction company would stop but the trail would be available to the snowmobile group. Foundry Drive to the old treatment plant seems to be an issue and having a route for the season only to get to the White House. The engineer firm is working on having the snowmobile trail open by January 1st, 2015. When it gets closer to the season the engineering firm along with the snowmobile alliance group will work together in setting the signage for the snowmobile trail. The bike trail will remain closed with the exception of the snowmobiles this winter. Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel, said that the commission would have the authority to open the trail for the specific use for the snowmobiles as long as there is an agreement between the City and the County for the snowmobiles to be on the trail. The 2015 contract will be on the December agenda

The final 10% for Mike Drake was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay Mike the final 10% of his mowing contract second was made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Mike Drake contract for 2015 was next on the agenda. The question was presented to Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; If Mike Drake agrees to do the mowing in 2015 at the same rate as 2014 does this need to go to County Board for approval. Ben state that he would need to look at the rules. Mike Drake had left a message with Don Seep that he was interested in continuing on next year with the mowing. Mike has a bill for additional work done outside of the contract. Ben stated that this issue may need to have an amendment to the current contract. This contract will be on the December agenda.

Steve discussed the Outdoor Recreation Plan – The next step is to get some groups together that wish to organize the suggestions that were suggested at the October 21st meeting, Hiking, biking, paddling just to name a few. Step to work with the groups that wish to have the trails, and then the people wishing to have these trails need to be the ones to talk with the land owners. Steve and Cathy will be working together to get some issues pin pointed for future meetings.

Rifle range – all the boards are shot up again, Steve will order some more boards and he will be putting up the new boards as soon as he gets them, Steve also put notice in the Richland Observer and the Shopping News regarding the rules for the range and to notify the sheriff's department if people do not follow the rules. Steve asked the commission if it is needed to execute some procedures to help manage the range. We need to have a meeting with the gun clubs, Richland Center City Police and the Richland County Sheriff's Department after the first of the year.

Next on the agenda was The Rockbridge Park and the thinning of trees. Currently the rock has good visibility at this time. It was suggested to cut all the trees, the Eastside of the rock would be cut by the highway department on an off day after the first of the year and the Westside would be cut by Don Clark at this point it was suggested to have this on the December agenda.

There were no other items to discuss.

The bills were presented as follows: Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$618.00; Mike Drake, \$475.00; Cathy Cooper. \$11.23; Boaz & RC Septic Service, \$135.00; Woodward Community Media, \$37.20; Rent a Flash, \$708.26. Steve asked Cathy how the budget was looking for the year; he asked if the budget was into the carry over yet. Cathy said that she didn't think so. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the November bills and to pay Mike Drake's extra cost as presented second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried

Next meeting date is December 1st, 2014 at 5:30pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman". To the right of the signature, there are the initials "RB" written in a similar cursive style.

Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair