

Richland County Parks Commission
March 2nd, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The March 2nd, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Duane Klang, Gary Peters, Don Seep and Cathy Cooper.

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

Motion made by Don Seep to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried. The February 10th meeting was cancelled due to weather.

There was no public input.

Bike Trail. Cathy spoke with Frank Brey, Town and Country Engineers. The dig across the trail has been completed. Frank will be at the April meeting to give an update of progress. Cathy received an email from Mike Bindl, Zoning Administrator; he has received a letter from American Transmission Company (ATC). The company may need a permit to cross over the trail. There is a map attached to the master minutes of the proposed route for the line. Chairman Bellman suggested to speak with Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel. Motion was made by Don Seep to have Cathy contact Ben regarding this issue, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

2015 Contracts: Nature's Way Portable Units motion made by Chip Parduhn to approve the contract as submitted, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Town & Country Sanitation 2015 contract was reviewed, motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the 2015 contract, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. The Boaz & RC Septic was approved at the February meeting. The Drake Mowing contract needs to be forward on the County Clerk for his signature.

Outdoor recreational plan was next on the agenda. Steve suggested Tuesday March 24th, 2015, at 7pm in the county board room for the next planning meeting. The weather should be more cooperative to hold this date. Cathy will check with Victor to schedule the room. Steve has mentioned that other groups are interested in helping in planning other bike trails within the county and maybe set them up like the snowmobile trails are done. At this point Steve mentioned that Menards have marine dock floats for \$98.00 buy one and get one free. These would be something to look into for the canoe/kayak landing that are being proposed for certain points along the Pine River. Gary will be checking into these floats for the Rockbridge "Pier Park" landing. If this is something that would work, it may work for the other proposed landings that have been suggested. Chip mentioned 3 critical areas that these may work very well, Steamboat rock, Twin Bluffs and Saw Mill Road. Further discussion on easements went on. Gary mentioned that the Dog Park will be happening on city property by the industrial park by MPC.

Steve reported that he burnt 1 pile of debris at the rifle range this morning starting at 7 am and used some snow to help damper it at 11 am. There is 1 more pile that needs to be burnt yet this year and a third one that can wait until next year.

Next on the agenda was the Rockbridge Park. Cathy passed out the email that was received from George Christiansen III regarding the status of the archeological dig, (email is attached to master minutes). Bob made a few phone calls and spoke with Mark Dudzik from the DNR and he suggested having the state historical society do the curation of the artifacts at no charge and then he gave Bob George Christiansen's phone number. Bob contacted George and now it is just a matter of waiting to see where things go. There is nothing currently happening with the Clark land donation. After everything had gone thru the County Board Mr. Clark decided to go thru everything again before the donation was signed over. Don Seep informed the commission that Mike Drake has been cutting the brush along the west side of the rock.

He passed out the Hidden Valley Books for 2015. Should anyone want extra books they can contact Lon Arbogust.

Cathy handed out the budget report for 2014 that the commission had asked for at the February meeting. Tammy has marked out the areas that were over budget and why. There was a carryover of \$6,699.00, the Archeological dig & curation has not been paid for yet.

The bills were presented as follows: Hidden Valley Inc., \$230.00; Mike Drake, \$350.00; Richland County Highway Commission, \$180.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$54.54. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the March bills second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Steve suggested to contact Chris Carley to let him know what has been spent on the grant so far and maybe suggest to maybe repair some bridge decks and get new signs.

Next meeting date will be April 6th, 2015 at 5:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Bob Bellman in cursive script, with the initials 'rbb' written below the signature.

Bob Bellman

Parks Commission Chair