

**Parks Commission  
Special Meeting  
March 24, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Bob Bellman, Chair, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Richland County Courthouse. Commission members present were Bob Bellman, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Duane Klang, Chip Parduhn, Don Seep and Gary Peters. Others present were Cathy Cooper, Pat Werner, Marilyn Rinehart, Claire Hagg and Dale Bender.

Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification. Seconded by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Steve then facilitated the meeting. Introductions were made. The group then discussed the main items and decided who would be doing the action items, what would be done, how it would be done and when it will be done.

Trails

➤ Snowmobile Trails

✓ Who:

- County and Parks Commission
- Snowmobile Alliance
- Local Snowmobile Clubs

✓ What:

- Marking Trails (Now)
- Maintaining Trails (Now)
- Maintaining Bridges (Now)
- Use for year around hiking (In 5 years)

✓ How:

- Landowner Contact
- Grants
- Fundraising

➤ Pine River and Trails Along Pine River

✓ Who:

- Friends of the Pine

✓ What:

- Cleaning up Pine River for Canoes to use the Pine River (Now)
- Paddling the Pine River (Now)
- Biking and Hiking Paths Along the Pine River (Next 3-4 years)
- Educational Sites Along Pine River (Next 3-4 years)
- Parking and Picnic Areas (Next 3-4 years)
- Landings for canoes & kayaks In Pine River (Now)

✓ How:

- Grant Writing
- Collaborations with Other Groups
- Working with County, City of Richland Center and townships

➤ Walking Trails

✓ Who:

- City of Richland Center
- Richland County
- UW-Richland

✓ What:

- Walking trails on city owned land on hills around city (3-5 years)
- Maintain and improve existing walking trails (now)

✓ How:

- Mapping existing trails and logging roads
  - Applying for grants
  - Existing budgets
- Bike Trails:
  - ✓ Who:
    - Bike Groups/Fitness Groups (Medical Center, Richland Fit, Oocooch/Wildside)
  - ✓ What:
    - Bike Routes (3-4 years)
    - Mountain Bike trails (3-4 years)
  - ✓ How:
    - Work with other groups, City and County
- ATV Routes/Trails
  - ✓ Who:
    - Lone Rock Club
    - Cazenovia Club
    - Joint County Alliance
  - ✓ What:
    - Private Trails (past –now)
    - Existing Public Routes (past-now)
    - Adding Richland County roads to connect existing routes (now-5 years)
    - Developing parking /unloading areas (5 years)
  - ✓ How:
    - Discuss with County to use County Roads
    - Discuss with townships to use township roads
    - Collaborate with other ATV Clubs
    - Gather information to possibly using Pine River Bike Trail
    - Gather information into financial contribution ATV users have on local economy

## Festivals

- Biking/Paddling
  - ✓ Who:
    - Friends of the Pine/Oocoochapoluza
  - ✓ What:
    - Biking/Paddling Festivals (now-future)
  - ✓ How:
    - Collaborating to organize and promote events
- Walking Festivals
  - ✓ Who:
    - Richland Fit
    - Symons
  - ✓ What:
    - Walking Festivals using a multitude of walking trails (5 years)
  - ✓ How:
    - Organized and promote events
    - Connecting trails

## Promotion

- Parks, Trails and Activities
  - ✓ Who:
    - County Parks Commission
    - Richland County
    - City of Richland Center
    - Community
    - ATV Clubs

- Friends of Pine
- ✓ What:
  - Website promoting County Parks and events (now-5 years)
  - Website promoting City parks and events (now-5 years)
  - Facebook Page promoting all recreational events in City and County (5 years)
  - Recreational maps (5 years)
  - Websites promoting club events (5 years)
- ✓ How:
  - Improve websites for easier access
  - Create Facebook page
  - Grant writing
  - Fundraising

Steve Kohlstedt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman" followed by the initials "C.A.C." in a smaller, less distinct script.

Robert Bellman  
Parks Commission Chair