

Richland County Parks Commission
May 4th, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The May 4th, 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, Chris Carley, James Golackson, Jon Golackson, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

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

Motion made by Chip Parduhn to approve the minutes of the April 6th, meeting, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Next Chairman Bellman dropped down to item 12A. The Rockbridge Park Walking Trail. James Golackson is working on becoming an Eagle Scout with the boy scouts. His project that he would like to do with the commissions' permission is updating the walking trail and placing some benches along the trail at Pier Park. James gave a wonderful presentation explaining what he and the troop are going to be doing and what he is looking at for fund raisers. He is looking at replacing all 35 steps on the trail along with some railings. The troop will be doing a camping weekend at the park over the weekend of May 15th and they will be starting the project at that time. Chairman Bellman suggested to use the bricks that have been put out to the park. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt for James Golackson, Boy Scout going for his Eagle Scout badge to move forward with his plans and the commission would contribute up to \$1,000 dollars should it be needed to finish the project. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Chairman Bellman suggested that James come to the June meeting and give an update on the project. Steve also suggested that James meet with the Kiwanis Club on the third Monday of the month to give the same presentation. James' contact information is with the office should it be needed.

Chairman Bellman next dropped down to 12B on the agenda. There has been no further communication with George Christianson III regarding the curation of the findings at the Pier Park Archeological Site. The artifacts are still being held in the Treasurer's safe at the County Courthouse.

Larry Jewell asked about the bench that the Bewick family was asking to place at the park. Nothing has been heard from the family.

Chairman Bellman suggested having a nicer sign placed at the Pier Park and the Viola Park indicating that they are both County Parks. Also the sign at the county forest. Chairman Bellman suggested working with the Land Conservation Department about working together for the sign placements. This will be brought back at the June meeting.

Chairman Bellman went back to item #5 – Bike Trail: Chip reported that he had met with Town and Country Engineering and Dave Huth to go over what will be needed to bring the trail back to standards if not better. Town and Country Engineering and the City will be updating the trail. The city portion of the trail will be black topped to County Hwy O in 2016 hopefully. The trail will be closed thru August of 2015. The fencing issue was next, Mr. Marish has been into the office asking about the fencing at his property. The fence at County Hwy TB and his property will be replaced as part of the restoration of the trail. Chip Parduhn said that Mr. Marish was also concerned with fencing near the Bower property. Chip Parduhn and Steve Kohlstedt will check things out, if it is a minor repair they will just do it, otherwise they will bring it back to the commission at the June meeting.

#6 Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway: There is a conference on the 21st of May and Chairman Bellman was curious if there was anyone from the commission that would be interested in going. Bob has spoken with Mark Cupp, Lower Wisconsin Riverway, will be attending the conference. Chairman Bellman thought that it would be a good thing for someone from the commission be in attendance of the conference. Otherwise, Chairman Bellman will check with Mark Cupp to get an update on the conference.

#7 Outdoor Recreational Plan. Steve reported that he and Cathy have been looking at the previous plan and are seeing what can be gleaned from the previous plan for the new plan. He, Cathy and Tammy will be working on the update within the next couple of months. Chairman Bellman had thought that the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission could help, Bob sent an email requesting some information. Steve Kohlstedt informed Chairman Bellman that even though Richland County is a member there would still be a charge for them to create the plan.

#8 Rifle Range: Steve reported that he just did some clean up at the range and there was a major mess. Everything was shot up. There were 3 different Television sets shot to pieces. The commission shared a variety of ideas from having an attendee on site to having a security camera system. The closing of the range was also discussed, Don Seep will talk with Law Enforcement regarding security also. The commission is asking for Cathy to check into cost for security cameras, then Chairman Bellman mentioned just handing over the range to the Sheriff's department for management of the range. Steve suggested having a joint meeting with Parks and the Sheriff's department. Also the thought of closing the range down for a while. Don will speak with Fred Clary, Chairman of Law Enforcement and ask to have this issue on their next agenda.

The snowmobile bridge at the Elliott property off of Hwy 80 North of Hub City is in need of replacement, Cathy has check into what is needed for the replacement of the bridge. A permit from the Department of Natural Resources for the placement and bids for the construction of the bridge will be required. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to move forward with the grant application and present it at the May County Board meeting; second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

#10 Weekend Walk: Claire Hagg spoke with Chairman Bellman recently and was asking if the Parks Commission would sponsor a weekend walk in the county this fall. At this point at least having something on the web page. The walks would be in a variety of places to have walking trails. This is part of the long range plan. Need to talk with Claire about when he was thinking to schedule this walk and what he is looking for in sponsorship for the Commission. Claire will be invited to the June meeting.

The city grant application has been mailed and eventually it will work into being County wide. Gary Peters brought up some of the issues that have come up regarding the canoe/kayak landing at the North Park foot bridge.

Other business, Don Seep spoke about ATV/UTV use in abutting counties and the use of County and Town Roads. Steve suggested that maybe the ATV/UTV groups may need to come to the Highway Commission with a route in mine that would use both county and town roads. Tammy brought up some of the items that Cathy left for the meeting. The Rockbridge Park well has been tested and the playground equipment still needs to be removed and replaced. The commission will go over these items at the June meeting at the Park.

There was no public input.

The following bills were presented for May; Town & Country Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$153.00; Richland County Highway Commission, \$92.24; Marathon Woodworks, \$97.00; Richland County Land Conservation, \$7.55; Richland County Land Conservation, \$55.89; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$2.99; Pine River Leasing, \$250.00; Richland Center Landfill, \$17.85; Hillsboro Trailblazers, \$15.83.. Motion made by Don Seep to approve the May bills as presented, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on June 1st, 2015 at Pier Park in Rockbridge. Meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, discussion continued for a few minutes before the second was made. Second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:32pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair