

Richland County Parks Commission  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

The July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Duane Klang, Larry Jewell, Gary Peters, Don Seep, Frank Brey (Town & Country Engineering), Dan Miller, Jon, James and Austin Golackson, Scott Laage (BL Signs), Mark McCauley and Cathy Cooper. Steve Kohlstedt was absent.

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

Motion made by Larry Jewell to approve the minutes of the June 1st meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman skipped down to #5 Bike Trail. Frank Brey reported that he, Steve, Chip, Cathy and Dave Huth, City Waste Water drove down the trail for inspection this morning. The restoration work on the County portion of the trail is done. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to approve the restoration work done on the bike trail, second made by Duane Klang. Motion Carried. The trail still needs to be mowed and rolled before the trail is opened. Cathy has spoken with Jim Chitwood, Highway Department. They will be mowing hopefully yet this week. The rolling of the trail will be later. The Wayne Marish fence line issue has been settled.

Next Chairman Bellman went to item #9; Signs proposal, Scott Laage, BL Signs presented the commission with 2 new drawings of the signs for the Pier and Viola parks. Motion made by Don Seep to approve the drawings and sign the contract for the placement of the new signs along with the removal of the old signs at a total cost of \$600.00, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Item #10A- Rockbridge Park, walking trail: James Golackson reported that he has 6 steps completed. He has currently raised over \$700.00 for this project with share nights. He has spent currently at the Do It Center, \$248.35. Kiwanis Club has donated \$200.00, he is wanting to spend the money that he has raised before he taps into the Parks Commission donation. James will be back in August for an update.

#10B- Toilets-Mike Drake, Drake Mowing, has done some extra cleaning and painting.

#10C 1995 Ordinance update. Cathy will talk with Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel regarding the fee/donation charges. This will be on the August agenda for further discussion.

#10D there is nothing new to report on the Archeological Dig findings.

#11 Position appointment, Cathy emailed Victor regarding Gary Peters' appointment continuation and this was taken care of at County Board.

#12 Commission member reports; Cathy reported on the snowmobile grant, the maintenance agreement won't be sent out until after July 6<sup>th</sup>, as the state budget has not been signed yet. She also reported that the Highway Department will begin charging an administrative fee in September. Don Seep will check with Mike Drake to find out what he would charge to mow the bike trail and have Cathy check into the history of what the commission had paid the highway department to do the mowing. Cathy will also check with Don Wanless and Bob Simpson as to what they would charge for mowing the trail.

Don Seep wanted to commend Dale Bender and Mark McCauley for the wonderful job they have done on the Kayak Landings.

Don Seep spoke on the Rifle Range. He presented the issues that have been happening at the range to the Sheriff's Department Committee. They are going to place a surveillance camera at the range and do better patrol of the area.

#6 Outdoor Recreation Plan update. Cathy reported that she and Steve have not had time to get together. This item will be on the next agenda.

The following bills were presented for July; Town & Country Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$241.50; Richland County Highway Department, \$36.71; Walsh's Ace Hardware, 12.39. Motion made by Don Seep to approve the July bills as presented, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman now went back to item #4 public input. Dan Miller asked for Mark McCauley to go first. Mark reported that everything has been going well with the landings, a trash receptacle still needs to be placed at the landing and he will take care of it. He also asked to have Vertical Adventures placed on the August agenda for someone to discuss what they are doing. Don Seep made motion to have Vertical Adventures on the August agenda, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried. Dan Miller spoke, he suggested to have some rules established on the river. Mark McCauley noted that there will be a sign posted in the morning stating NO Glass and No camping at the landing. Dan also reported that he has had people express concern to him about trout fishing and that the river not be excessively cleaned up. He also spoke of emergency pull outs available and develop some advisory statement on the level of the water and mark them as high water levels. Motion made by Don Seep to have Cathy check with the Department of Natural Resources regarding water rules and regulations and have them attend the August meeting, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Cathy reported that Jim Chitwood contacted her, the Orion boat landing needed some work done. Gravel, excavator work, asphalt patching and they removed a fallen tree.

Dan also mentioned that there should be an additional landing across from the Natural Bridge Store. The cost of the landing are between \$1100 and \$1900.

The next meeting will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Meeting will begin at 5:30pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Chip Parduhn to adjourn the meeting, second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:29 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman". Below the signature, the initials "RJB" are written in a smaller, simpler font.

Bob Bellman  
Parks Commission Chair