

Richland County Parks Commission
February 1st, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The February 1st, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Larry Jewell, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Duane Klang Charles Parduhn, Don Seep, Chris Carley, Larry Marshall, President Pine River Sports, Dave Guy, Middle School Principal, Dale Bender, Becky Dahl, Larry Marshall, President Pine River Sports, Billy Jones, City Police Department and Cathy Cooper.

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

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the January 4th, 2016 meeting with the amendment of Chip Parduhn was in attendance second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Item 5. Kayak use on the Pine River. Dale Bender presented a request from the City that the County Parks would consider an ordinance regarding glass containers and garbage on the Pine River. This is similar to what the DNR has on the Wisconsin River. Both the City Police Chief Clements and DNR Warden Nice have agreed. Dale thought that it would also need to be agreed upon with Sheriff Bindl and Warden Nice at the County level. The enforcement of the proposed ordinance within the city would come from Chief Clements & the city police department and DNR Warden Nice. Steve Kohlstedt suggested that the county would need to include all navigable streams within Richland County. The ordinance would begin with just the Pine River and make amendments to the ordinance when necessary. Motion made by Don Seep to move forward with this proposed ordinance and present this to Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel and then review it also with the Sheriff's Department and then move forward to the County Board for approval, second make by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Item #6. Safe routes to school, Dave Guy, Principal of the Richland Middle School. Dave started this process approximately 5 years ago when the DOT had a grant for safe routes to school. The state has 2 different grants planning and implementation. 2 years ago he wrote a planning grant and did receive \$15,000+/- for the planning of safe routes to the middle school, a map was handed out that showed both the current trails and proposed trails along with the safe route trails. Currently now waiting for the implementation grant to be awarded. Dale Bender walked the commission through what is being proposed for the safe trails and it will also encompass the current Bike Trail. After everything proposed was reviewed motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to present a resolution to county board to support the safe routes to school grant and a separate resolution for the alternative transportation grant providing a match of 25% of the 20%, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Cathy would like to meet with Ben and Dale to make sure that all points have been addressed.

Dale has provided Cathy with some information regarding grants that could be available for the maintenance of the Pine River Bike/Walking trail

Item #10 Potential Stewardship Grant. Dale Bender reported that the city of Richland Center and the Southwest Partners have applied for and won a grant and he is suggesting that the county also make application for a grant thru Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant. This grant application is due May 1st, 2016. He suggested a few things for the county to consider while applying for a grant. Expanding canoe opportunities on the Pine River from the city limits through to the Wisconsin River. A landing/handicap fishing pier at County O by Pine Valley. A trail from the current bike path to Pine Valley. A landing at Saw Mill Rd. A landing at Twin Bluffs. A landing at Gotham. Dale has spoken with both Buena Vista and Orion Township regarding landings and he does have letters of support from both townships. He also mentioned that the walking trail that Don Seep had envisioned would also be eligible for the Knowles-Nelson grant. Another idea to look at for in the future is a path from the County Fairgrounds to the Pine River with a landing/pier (this project is something that Gary Peters is already working on). This total plan is a 5 to 10 year project. After much discussion a motion was made by Gary Peters to pass a resolution on to County Board to apply for a RTA Grant and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Item #8 Rifle Range. Larry Marshall and Billy Jones were introduced by Steve Kohlstedt. Steve continued to explain about the maintenance and upkeep of the range is rather expensive. Thought of taking out the current standards and placing sand barriers for the users to place their own standards in front of the sand barriers. Billy Jones stated that the sand piles would be an obstacle for qualifications and would not work. Larry suggested not to have the sand barriers but let the users of the range provide their own targets. Officer Jones was in-favor of removing the cross beams and standards. People using the distance will need to bring their own range finder. The Commission will remove the standards this spring (keep them in storage) and not provide the cross beams. It has been suggested to keep the donation box at the range and provide envelopes.

Item #7 Bike Trail. Steve spoke with DATCP about certification for spraying the trail. If using round up with a touch or 2-4D and as long there is no money changing hands for the spraying than a certification is not required. So the Commission can rent a sprayer and do the spraying. Rent an ATV with a sprayer and do it our self.

Motion made by Chip Parduhn to spray 2 weeks after the 1st mowing of the trail, second by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Item #9 Rockbridge Park. A. Playground equipment. Gary provided the commission with a few prices that he has found. The spring toys \$927 a piece, the 4 seat seesaw is \$3250. A 3 seat swing set is \$4995 and a Jungle Gym is \$2300. If a slide is added the price will go up to around \$7000 for anything. This is something to have on the agenda again for the next meeting. Bob will check with the City Parks department about cost of installing the equipment and bring it back to the March meeting. Don has to leave at 7:30 so we dropped down to 9C. The fencing between the park and the Field property. Mr. Beechy has been contacted and drawing of the type of breakaway fences have been forwarded on to him. The commission will hold back the 25% until the flood gate is installed. 9D. Don has nothing more on the walking trail. 9E. Fire department training. The department would like to do some repelling training and train the trainers at the park. Steve Kohlstedt made motion to approve the fire department to use the rock face at the park for repelling training for the trainers, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. 9B. nothing more on the archeological/curation update.

Item #11 Snowmobile- Cathy and Chris Carley reported that Royce Dieter who deals with the Boaz trail was asking for a liability insurance thru the county. Steve stated that we need to get the Landowners name and address, give it to the County Clerk's office so he can send the owners a certificate of insurance that will indicate the insurance policy for the county.

There were no commission member reports.

No other business.

The following bills were presented for January; Hidden Valleys Inc., \$1,101.96 & 230.00, Fastenal, \$19.50; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$239.99. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to pay the February Bills as presented, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday March 7th, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Duane Klang to adjourn the meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:36 pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair

