

Richland County Parks Commission
April 4th, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The April 4th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Duane Klang, Charles Parduhn, Don Seep, Kevin & Lynn Jasper, Mallory Bender, Becky Dahl, Kerry Severson and Cathy Cooper. Larry Jewell was absent

The agenda was e-mailed & 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 Charles Parduhn to approve the minutes of the March 7th, 2016 meeting second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Public Input; Kevin & Lynn Jasper were approached by Crawford County regarding getting across Richland County and getting into Sauk County on ATV/UTV trails. Some Townships within Richland County already allow ATV/UTV's on routes that use the Township Roads. Kevin showed the commission a map that currently has trails already in place in the north east part of the county. Don Seep filled the commission in on what is happening with some of the area that the ATVs will be crossing over bridges on State and County roads. Steve Kohlstedt asked Kevin if the townships that he has been in contact with would be willing to pass an ordinance regarding the use of ATV/UTV's on their roads. Steve suggested that Kevin have all the townships that are involved pass an ordinance and then he can approach the Highway Commission with proof of commitment from the townships.

#9 Southwest Partners update. Becky Dahl reported. Easy Docks out of Red Wing MN met with some of the partners to check out docking along the Pine River with having access to all. Steve reported that for a port it will cost \$15,000 just for the port at that point the port can have other items connected. The parks commission is in the process of writing a grant for these ports to be installed for \$26,000 at Rockbridge Park, County Hwy D, County Hwy O, DNR property by County Hwy SR and at the County Fairgrounds, Steve presented a rough draft of a grant application. Steve also reported that the commission is looking at a wetland Walkway along the rock at the Rockbridge "Pier" Park. There are five projects grant application under the title of Richland County Parks Development Project, with an additional title of Pier Nature Bridge Park walking trail and Pine River Kayak and Canoe ports. This is a County project with the support of the Southwest Partners. This grant application is for \$149,000. Becky Dahl also reported that she will be in contact with Ho-Chunk nation and she was wondering if the County has been in contact with them for any assistance. After further discussion the motion was made by Gary Peters to have the Parks Commission support the proposal and application grant and take it to County Board for approval to move forward with the grant application, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. This will be presented to the County Board meeting on April 19th, 2016. Chairman Bob Bellman will speak with County Board Chair Jeanetta Kirkpatrick regarding the application.

Becky Dahl also spoke with the commission regarding some of the other projects that are happening. Trail Stomp on April 30th, this will be a 5K run, walk, hike fundraiser for the mountain bike trail behind the Industrial Park (Armory, Allen Bradley and others). Pine River clean up on the late morning of May 7th and 14th.

#8A. Fat Tire Bikes. Kerry Severson spoke with the commission on the issue of fat tire bikes in the winter on the snowmobile trail is not compliant with the snowmobile grant. Cathy asked Kerry what is the status of the proposed Ithaca to Bear Valley snowmobile trail as the grant application is due by the 15th of April. The funding would be \$6,500. Cathy still needs the following information from the snowmobile alliance club. Need a trail map, the mileage of the trail, signage cost the maintenance cost and land owner contact information.

The bridge inventory has been completed with the help of Eric Siemandel and submitted to the state. Eric also helped put together cost estimates to rehab the remaining 5 bridges on the bike trail. Cathy is asking for permission from the commission to take this application for rehab to the county board for approval on April 19th. Motion made by Duane Klang to take the grant application to the county board for approval, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

#5 Bike Trail; Ownership of the trail from the redi-mix plant to County Hwy OO will be presented to the property committee on Wednesday. The county needs to quick claim this portion of the bike trail to the city of Richland Center. Cathy also reported to the commission that the DNR is doing a controlled burn. Kerry Severson asked about the use of the bike trail in the winter after the bike trail is blacked topped. Mallory Bender informed Kerry that they are looking at having the snowmobile trail run next the bike trail.

#6 Rifle Range; Steve reported on the current condition of the range. He presented pictures of the carnage at the range. Tree tops shot off, the building has been shot up and there is TV's and appliance all shot up. Steve and his wife spent a lot of time cleaning things up, they also reported the damage to the sheriff's department. Sheriff Bindl would like the commission to put the wooden standards back up. He feels that without the standards, the people will shoot up anything else they can find. The cameras are back out. Steve is concerned with how ethical it is for the commission to continue cleaning up after the people. The commission is looking at closing the range down for a short time. Don Seep is on the law enforcement committee and he will contact Sheriff Bindl about getting the rifle Range on to the agenda for possibly closing the range down to the public until further notice. Steve also suggested to amend the signs of the rules.

#7 Rockbridge park; Playground equipment; Gary reported that he and Chip still need to get together. Gary needs to speak with the Boy Scout leader about getting the swing set placed. There has been no further update on the archeological dig. Don sent an email to George. The LaCrosse director contacted Bob about the artifacts. The Drake mowing contract was next- nothing has changed and Mike has signed the contract. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt make motion to approve the signed contract and forward it on the County Clerk for signature, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Cathy reported that the contract with Ron Fogo for the pumping the Pier Park and Viola Parks outhouses needs to be amended to include the fee of \$25.00 per thousand gallons. This will be placed on the agenda for the May agenda.

Take other business off of the agenda

The following bills were presented for April; Town & Country Sanitation, \$368.17; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$1,115.02; Richland County Land Conservation, \$254.41; Reyzek Earth Moving LLC, \$587.50. Motion made by Charles Parduhn to pay the April Bills as presented, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday May 2nd, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Charles Parduhn to adjourn the meeting, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:35 pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair