

Richland County Parks Commission
May 2nd, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The May 2nd, 2016 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Charles "Chip" Parduhn at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Duane Klang, Charles "Chip" Parduhn, Don Seep, Larry Jewell, Kerry Severson, Chris Carley and Cathy Cooper. Bob Bellman was absent.

Election of officers was first on the agenda. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to post pone the election of officers until the June meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the April 4th, 2016 meeting second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Public Input; Don Seep thanked everyone on the Parks Commission and Cathy for all she has done. Don will attend the June meeting and then he will be done. The commission discussed tourism dollars that stay in the county and how to capture more dollars.

#6 Bike Trail; Mowing of the trail was first, Don Wanless will be doing the mowing this year. It will be mowed once a month for May, June, July and then checked for August & September. Brad McCauley has a small sprayer that he will donate to the commission for the spraying of the trail (certification is not required), the sprayer could possibly be stored at the salt shed in Gotham, Cathy will speak with Highway Commissioner Jim Chitwood, if he is not willing to store it for us the snowmobile alliance shed would store it. This issue will be on the next agenda. Gary Peters reported on the Trail Stomp that was done last weekend. It was a good success.

#7 Rifle Range; Cathy reported on the insurance company that the county is looking at changing to. They are asking for a variety of information regarding the county dams and the rifle range. Don Seep reported that he spoke with the law enforcement committee regarding closing the range. Sheriff Bindl informed Don that it was not a good idea for people to bring their own targets and that the boards are still the best route to go. Don will bring this up again at the next law enforcement committee meeting. Steve Kohlstedt has spoken with Sheriff Bindl a few different times, the boards are back up. The dumpsters are finally back and Steve & his wife GERALYN have been out to the range and have filled the dumpsters up along with putting up additional signs reminding the users of the range to follow the rules, to use paper targets only, it is illegal to use other targets and to please call the sheriff department with any violations witnessed. The range will be shut down to the public if misuse continues. The Sheriff's Department will also have an article in this coming week's paper regarding the proper use of the range. The range still needs to be cleaned up better before mowing. Steve has noticed that people are cleaning up after themselves and using the garbage cans. Steve and GERALYN will continue to clean up the range for now. Steve also suggested that it might be a good idea to keep a dumpster at the range year round. Should the vandalism come back to the range it will be closed with a chain and a sign stating that the range is closed and to contact the Sheriff's department.

#8 Rockbridge Park; A. Ron Fogo contract, needs to be amended to include a \$25.00 fee per 1,000 gallons for disposal. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to made the amendment for the \$25.00 per 1,000 gallon disposal fee and have the Chairman sign, send made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Nature's Way Portable contract has no changes, motion made by Larry Jewell to approve the contract, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. B. Playground Equipment; Don Seep received a call from Mike Drake, he has removed the taped off teeter-totter and the cement base that it was on. He will be filling in the hole that was left from the concrete base. Mike will dispose of both the toy & concrete. The existing swing set will be refurbished, the horses set will be refurbished with new fiberglass horses and the metal ones removed. Discussion of possible matching funds from the township or other groups was asked, then apply for a grant application. Other idea was to get input from the township, the senior center and Sharon at the Rockbridge Store as to what they would like to see at the park. It was suggested that the parks commission advertise the Rockbridge Park. Chip will talk with Sharon at the Rockbridge store and Don will talk with Scott Banker, Rockbridge Town Chairman and Steve will make contact with the Senior Center about the park and equipment, they will all report back to the commission in June. C. Archeological update; nothing new to report. D. Cathy reported that the well test has been done and the test came back clean. Don Seep also reported that when he spoke with Mike Drake he had burned one of the brush piles and he was hoping to burn the other as soon as possible. Mike was also working on cleaning up the restrooms at the park. Mike will have some incidental bills for that cleanup.

#9. Snowmobile Alliance; Cathy submitted the grant for the 5 bridges and Kerry Severson stopped in to assist Cathy on the grant for the Ithaca to Bear Vally trail including the one bridge repair. Steve Kohlstedt asked her how much was the grant for the 5 bridges. The total was \$27,700. The other grant for the Ithaca to Bear Valley trail was \$6,500.

Steve has brought up the reason for the grant information is because the commission is expecting a lot more out of Cathy and Tammy when it comes to grant management than was every expected in the pass. The SW Partners grant that is coming up next will expect even more responsibility from them. Steve brought this up for the current County Board members to look at the funding that the commission currently has for both Cathy & Tammy and he suggest that they should be receiving additional funding for the managing the grants. Don Seep suggested that Cathy & Tammy document the number of hours that they actually put in for parks. Larry asked about the status of the bridge on the Elliott property. Cathy will contact Brian Sebranek to find out.

The Knowles grant has been sent in for 4 different Kayak/Canoe ports and a wetland trail on the west side of the rock at the Rockbridge Park, Thank You Steve Kohlstedt for putting this grant together.

Gary reported that there has been a reduction of camp sites at the Fairgrounds, the old horse barn will be coming down, there has been a lot of clean up at the fairgrounds and the tires that have been left still need to be removed.

The following bills were presented for May; Tammy Cannoy-Bender, \$6.80; Cathy Cooper, \$8.30; Rockbridge Sawmill, \$80.00; Cathy Cooper, \$2.39; Tammy Cannoy-Bender, \$6.80; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$29.97; Reyzek Earth Moving LLC, \$1,050.00; Hillsboro Trailblazers, \$68.69. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the May Bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 6th, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

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

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

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Charles "Chip" Parduhn
Parks Commission Vice-Chair