

Richland County Parks Commission  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

The June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting was called to order by Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, Bob Bellman, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Duane Klang, Charles "Chip" Parduhn, Larry Jewell, Kerry Severson, and Cathy Cooper. Don Seep was absent.

Election of officers was first on the agenda. Election of Chairman, motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to nominate Bob Bellman for Chairman, second by Gary Peters. After asking 3 times for any other nominations Gary Peters made motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bob Bellman as Chairman, second made by Duane Klang. Nomination carried.

At this point the newly elected Chairman took over the meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairman, motion made by Duane Klang to nominate Chip Parduhn for Vice-Chairman, second by Gary Peters. After asking 3 times for any other nominations Steve Kohlstedt made motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Chip Parduhn as Vice-Chairman, second made by Larry Jewell. Nomination carried.

Election of Secretary, motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to nominate Gary Peters for Secretary, second by Chip Parduhn. After asking 3 times for any other nominations Duane Klang made motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Peters as Secretary, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Nomination carried.

Motion made by Larry Jewell to appoint Cathy Cooper as the recording secretary, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 meeting second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

#6 Bike Trail; the sprayer could have winter storage at the County Highway shop outside. The sprayer will be stored at the Premier Co-op plant until the end of the season. It will then be drained before storing it at the highway shop. Steve explained that the sprayer has been set up for a 10 foot spray and it is a two person job. Steve and Jim Husnik have sprayed the trail once already and it looks good, the second application should be done in July and it will be less chemical. Steve also suggested that the sprayer could be something that the Land Conservation Department may also want to use after the trail at Ash Creek Community Forest have been mowed.

The sprayer is pulled behind a truck and is battery powered, it took about 2.5 hours to spray the bike trail. This took about 250 gallons. Jim Husnik donated his time for the spraying of the trail. Cathy also reported that James Schneider donated \$50 for the bike trail upkeep and thanked the commission for having the trail. The bike trail that is within the City of Richland Center through to County Highway O, will be black topped with a width of 10' per the DNR request. According to Melinda Jones, City Clerk, the trail will not be plowed in the winter and will be available for snowmobiling and if there is not enough snow the city will determine the trail closed. Kerry Severson spoke with Dale Bender regarding the 10' width and the black topping of the trail. Kerry also reported that there is no set speed limit during daylight hours and a 55 mph in the evening. The city would be in charge for setting the speed limit. There was more discussion regarding the trail and the rumors of blacktopping the balance of the trail. Bob Bellman reiterated that the county has NO PLAN to blacktop the trail from County O to Lone Rock. Cathy also reported that she has sent in the information regarding the five bridges on the trail and then we won't be able to do a grant again for 10 years for these bridges. DNR suggest that we select a couple of the bridges and have them 12' wide and 14,000 lb. limit. Cathy has not heard back from the snowmobile group regarding the bridges. The #6 bridge is the most expensive and it is 40ft long with a width of 10 ft. wide. Steve suggest to go with all 5 bridges. Cathy will send an email to let the DNR know about the bridges width and that all are on railroad trusses, Motion made by Chip Parduhn to go forward with the original plan of rehabbing the 5 bridges second Duane Klang. Motion carried.

#7 Rifle Range; Cathy reported that Sheriff Bindl had a nice article in the Richland Observer regarding the rules of the range and the recent vandalism. Currently Steve reported that things seems to be looking good for now. He also suggested that the commission look into what it would cost for electricity and to have a monitoring system at the range if vandalism becomes an issue in the future. Cathy reported that the 4-h shoot is the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Steve also reported that there will be bills for more planks. Steve asked the commission if any of them have been at the range.

#8 Rockbridge Park; A: As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, there is approximately \$23,000 available for playground equipment. Chip reported that there was a decent set of equipment at Sam's Club for about \$1,300. Menard's had a set for \$899 with a \$200 in store rebate. The local Do It Center gave Chip a print out with what they have for about \$900 and he got one from Walsh's Ace Hardware. Chip will be up to the park this week and will do some maintenance on the current playground equipment. Bob was thinking of having commercial grade equipment since the park is not monitored. The commission will be at the Park in July for their meeting and Cathy will contact Ty from Sauk, he has been out to the park. She will invite him to the July meeting and ask him if the commission can purchase a piece of equipment and install themselves. The pieces that we are interested in purchasing are the spring toy chipmunk and the duck, also the wave rider see saw. Cathy also reported that Chip had been to the Rockbridge store and Sharon was out of camping permits (Tammy has ordered more), Sharon was concerned that for the last couple years she did not received her fee for the permits. Cathy asked what the amount that she was to receive was. The amount that she should be receiving is \$2.00 per permit. Chip brought up the issue of the Kayakers and the Trout fishers getting into blows with each other. Mark does not run his business from the park, The Park is a drop off point for the kayakers. Mark's business is run out of his home. There will always be conflict between Kayakers and Fishers regarding the use of the waters. Everyone needs to be courteous of each other.

B: Tammy sent an Email to George Christiansen on June 1st, he replied back to her stating that he will be transporting the collection to the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center in LaCrosse on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the bill for the curation should be in the July bills.

#9. Snowmobile Alliance; Cathy sent a letter last week to Mr. Sebranek regarding the status of the Elliott Bridge construction. The commission would like to have Mr. Sebranek to attend the July meeting. In the meantime Cathy will refer to the signed contract with Mr. Sebranek regarding this bridge.

#10 Southwest Partners; nothing new to report.

#11 Commission member reports; nothing new to report.

The following bills were presented for June; Town & County Sanitation, \$736.34; Nature's Way Portable Unites, \$525.50; WI State Lab of Hygiene, \$29.00; Steve Kohlstedt, \$40.00; Jim Husnik, \$140.92; Premier Co-op; \$861.30; Hillsboro Trailblazers, \$587.30; Tammy Cannoy-Bender, \$3.30; Richland County Snowmobile club, \$23,719.80.. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the June Bills as presented, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm at Rockbridge Park, State Hwy 80 North.

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

Meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

Bob Bellman  
Parks Commission Chair