

Richland County Parks Commission
September 19, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The September 19, 2016 Parks Commission meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Bob Bellman, Chair, at the Snowmobile garage off of Sawmill Road. Present were Bob Bellman, Gary Peters, Chip Parduhn, Kerry Severson and Cathy Cooper

Chip Parduhn made a motion to approve the agenda and proof of notification. Seconded by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

The Parks Commission then drove down the bike trail towards Gotham to inspect for flood damage and other needs of the trail. There are places all along the trail where trees are overhanging. These need to be trimmed to get more sunlight on the trail to dry it out and to prevent trees from falling onto the trail. Several of the bridges should be sprayed with water sealant to protect them. One of the bridge approaches needs immediate attention as the approach has been washed away by the flood causing a large gap between the bridge and the trail. At Twin Bluffs between Twin Bluffs Road and the new treatment plant, some of the screenings have been washed away causing a washboard effect. Chip Parduhn made a motion to approve Kerry Severson renting a tractor and blade from Simpson's and smooth that section of the trails. Seconded by Gary Peters. Motion carried with Kerry Severson abstaining. There are a couple of bridges that need some minor repair, but the repairs are not critical at this time. There are a few large potholes on the trail because of the flooding. The consensus of the Parks Commission is to contact Don Wanless to repair the bridge approach and to fill in the pot holes because he knows where those spots are. A few of the bridges have trees caught underneath that should be removed. Once the repairs are made, the trail will be reopened. Cathy will contact Aaron Joyce at WRCO to have them announce that the trail is closed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair.