

Richland County Parks Commission  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

The October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting was called to order by Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, Bob Bellman, Gary Peters, Charles "Chip" Parduhn, Larry Jewell, Duane Klang, Dale Bender, John Kauffman, Chris Carley, Mark McCauley and Cathy Cooper. Steve Kohlstedt and Kerry Severson were absent.

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 Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Klang to approve the minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

#5 Bike Trail – A. Flood repair and maintenance – Don Wanless did some repairs to the trail prior to the last rain. The committee will need to take another tour of the trail to figure out what the damages are with the trail and the bridges. The County portion of the trail will remain closed until the repairs have been made. The committee would like to have Kerry Severson use some ATVs and/or UTVs as he has done in the past to review the trail and the damages to it. The bridges on the trail will need varying degrees of repair and seal coating of the wood. There is also mud crossing the trail. The governor has declared the County a disaster area so there maybe some funding available to make the repairs to the trail. Cathy will speak with Darren Gudgeon, B. City/County division of the trail. Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick, took it upon himself to have the trail surveyed regardless that there was one already on file. The cost of this new survey was at \$70 an hour and it took 7 hours. Todd Rumler is wanting to bill someone for his work on the survey that was not required or requested by either the County Parks Commission or the City of Richland Center. The City Clerk/Treasurer is insisting that the City is to have the trail all the way to the American Do It Center. This is not correct and Dale Bender will talk with the City Clerk/Treasurer regarding this issue.

#8 Snowmobile Alliance - A. Highway 80 bridge on Elliott Property; Cathy handed out pictures of the new bridge for the commission to view. The recent flooding has washed out the abutment under the bridge and will be in need of some riprapping. Cathy has spoken with Ann from the DNR regarding this issue and she has informed Cathy that there is a possibility to amend the grant for the additional \$3,800 available yet from the grant for the bridge. Cathy has spoken with Jeff Schure, DNR under direction of Ann. The water regulation permit will need to be amended to allow the riprapping that needs to be done. Motion made by Gary Peters to go ahead to have Ken Anderson draw up some plans for the project and put the project out for bids, second made by Chip Parduhn, Motion carried. We will have a special meeting to open the bids. – B. Bridges on the trail, see 5A. - C. Clarification of the Snowmobile Clubs groomer insurance – The County's Insurance only covers what the County owns, therefore the County will not cover Insurance. The club needs to furnish its own insurance for the groomer, the building and its contents. Cathy stated that in order for the club to get reimbursed from the grant, the payment for the insurance must go through the County.

At this point Chairman Bellman moved to the bills. The following bills were presented for October; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$441.00; Mick Memorial Park, \$375.00; Boaz & RC Septic Pumping Service, \$775.00; Wanless Bull Dozing, \$250.00; Richland County Highway Department, \$136.00; Premier Co-op, \$198.18; Lone Rock Village Park, \$375.00; Wanless Bulldozing, \$600.00; Jeff Oler Caretaking, \$536.00. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the October Bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

#6 Rifle Range – no report.

#7 Rockbridge Park – Jim Kaufman addressed the commission with a request for approval from them. He would like to take the trees (Box Elders) out between his property and the Rockbridge Park then plant lilacs in place of the trees. He would like some assistance in removing the trees & stumps. Also one of the trees is in line with the high line wires. Chip Parduhn will go out to the park on Tuesday and meet with Jim to review the line and check things out. Dale Bender took one of the projects back to SW Partners regarding the Rockbridge Park and the County (Parks Commission) with a 75/25 cost share with the 25 being the County's share. Cathy also reported that there is a grant available that she can write for that is called County Park Aid Grant for \$1500. Motion made by Duane Klang to support, Dale Bender, SW Partners project, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. This also needs to be taken to the Finance Committee. He also reported that there was some damage done after the last flood.

Gary Peters reported the SW Badger RC&D will be meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, here at the service center conference room.

#7B. Pine River Paddle & Tube, Mark McCauley; Cathy reported that the commission has received complaints. Campers that have camped under the rock for years reported to Cathy that they were informed that they could not camp under the rock. Mr. McCauley stated that they would have been informed by Sharon at the store. Another complaint that was received is that the Kayakers/Canoers were harassing the fishermen. The wedding situation was also mentioned. Mark gave his side of the issue stating that the wedding was set up within the area designated for the boat landing with an arch and chairs. Mark stated that he and his employees help the wedding coordinator move their stuff off the boat landing, approximately 25 yards. He is suggesting that for in the future things need to be mapped out better for various uses. The Parks Commission had designated an area around the canoe/kayak launch as no parking/camping so that people wanting to use the launch would not be going through a camp site. The launch could be moved further downstream in the park if grant money is received. This may alleviate the conflict with camping.

#7 - A. Playground equipment – it has been ordered and it will be delivered here at the office and store them at the conservation building at the fairgrounds. The plan is to place the new toys at the Rockbridge Park in the spring of 2017. Gary reported that one dumpster is missing, Cathy handed out photos of the Park with the flood damage before and after some clean up, there will be more clean up in the next few weeks.

#9. Orion & Port Andrews boat landings. Bob and Cathy met with Mark Cupp, Lower Wisconsin Riverway Board at the Orion and Port Andrews boat landings to locate placement of a Kiosks for life jackets. At the Orion boat landing they have inspected where people have been trespassing on to private property coming from the boat landing. Cathy will contact Jim Chitwood, highway commissioner to ask that when the landing area is mowed, not to mow up to the actual line.

#10 Commission Members Reports. There was none. Chip asked that a tentative date be set for inspecting the trail and bridges from Sawmill Rd. to Gotham. The meeting is set for Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. meeting at the Snowmobile garage on Sawmill Rd.

The next meeting will be on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center.

Chris Carley stated that the liability insurance for the trail was a requirement for the County to have. The groomer insurance is paid through the club. Chris needs to get damage cost amounts to Cathy or Darrin Gudgeon, Emergency Management due to flood damages on the state trail.

The cost of replacing picnic tables also needs to be reported to Darrin.

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

Meeting ended at 6:31 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman". To the right of the signature, there are initials "tB".

Bob Bellman  
Parks Commission Chair