

Richland County Parks Commission
December 5th, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The December 5th, 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, Steve Kohlstedt, Kerry Severson and Cathy Cooper.

The agenda was e-mailed & mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt 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 November 7, 2016 meeting second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Public input – none.

#5 Bike Trail – Cathy spoke with a representative from FEMA and she will be taking the rep. out on the bike trail to inspect the damage done by the flood. She will talk with Highway Commissioner Jim Chitwood to get an estimate on the cost of a tube that needs to be replaced on the trail. The bridge that Eric Siemandel repaired, we will not get reimbursed for it because he never billed the commission. The debris under the bridges is still an issue that we are unable to get to at this point. The commission needs an estimate as to what it will cost to remove the debris. The FEMA representative and Cathy will be going down the trail on Friday 12/16/16 at 9:00 and Steve K. will be joining them with his truck, at that point there will be a decision as to what will need to be done with the debris. They will report back to the Commission in January. The road closed sign needs to be taken down.

#6 Rifle Range – The dumpster was taken out too soon. Cathy & Kent were at the range on Friday before gun season and took 2 large bags of garbage to the highway shop. Steve has taken 3 or 4 bags out himself. Steve was at the range this morning he informed the commission that there was 1 board left. He did not replace anything at this point. The range looks to be in good condition, Steve will be gathering up the piles and will burn them up this winter. Kerry Severson was also out to the range and he handed out some pictures for the commission members to view. Kerry also noticed that there is a tree branch on the building roof that needs to be cut down. Steve stated that before the next meeting he will take care of the branch and Kerry will assist him.

#7 Rockbridge Park – Gary Peters had a map that he marked where the picnic tables are and where the dumpster is in the river. Once the river has gone down some it will be easier to retrieve the dumpster. Cathy was instructed by the commission to contact either Scott Banker, Rockbridge Town Chairman or Jim Chitwood, Highway Commissioner regarding the retrieval of the dumpster. Gary showed on the map where they could set up to get the dumpster. Then Cathy will come up with the FEMA representative to go over the cost of the cleanup of the park. The commission directed Cathy to contact Mike Drake regarding the fallen tree(s) on top of the rock. Chip asked if there has been a bill for the removal of the trees and stumps between the park and the private land owner yet. Cathy replied that she has not seen a bill as of yet.

#8 Snowmobile Alliance – A. Reporting system - There is a new reporting system that the snowmobile alliance must use now and there are questions that still need to be answered. All the clubs need to have someone that has an email address, all of the bills will have to be scanned and put into the new system and then those will be forwarded on to Cathy and Tammy were they will have to approve the bill and then forward it through to the state. There are many more questions at this point and hopefully Cathy & Tammy will have answers by the end of the week. Steve asked if the first half of the grant has been received yet. The state wants to know about the club trails and how much is being spent on those trails. Cathy needs to attend the alliance meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7pm at the White House. The next meeting will be December 21st. There is a need to have an administrator for each club and that person will be responsible for scanning and getting the bills to Cathy & Tammy, the groomer hours will need to be submitted on a regular basis instead of at the end of the season. By April 2018 all of the trails whether they are funded or not will need to be GPS'ed. Kerry is working with Lynn Newkirk, County Zoning office on getting the GPS coordinates done.

Royce Dieter brought an estimate for \$3500 to do rip-rapping in 2 different areas of the Pine under the Highway 80 Bridge by the middle school and the west foot bridge. The erosion that is happening is at a "thumb" and it will be better to move the bridge as the erosion will continue. Steve recommended postponing this to the January meeting and have it on the agenda for discussion.

B. Elliott snowmobile bridge update. The bridge is in and the rip rapping is done. There is a bill for the rip rapping in the monthly bills to be paid.

#9 Commission members' responsibilities. Steve suggested that the individual commission members be responsible for certain areas in the County. At the January meeting these areas will be assigned to different members.

Viola Park
Bike Trail
Boat Landings
Snowmobile trails
Pier Park
Rifle Range
Akey School (historical society volunteers time)

#10 Commission member reports. Kerry reported 1. He was at the rifle range and he witnessed people that were shooting would pick up their brass and throw it away, he suggested that the Commission has a locked bin to put the brass in. 2. He spoke with a gentleman that comes out to the range just to help clean things up (Ron Mellem). 3. Regarding the area of the bike trail that was deeded over to the city, he would like to work with the city parks about working with the snowmobile alliance and gaining access to the trail on that part. Steve suggested having a few people for the commission and a few from the snowmobile alliance along with a few people from Southwest Partners and a few from the City Parks commission to discuss this issue. Bob is on the city parks, he will try to bring this up. 4. Kerry also mentioned that there are parts of the trail within the city that needs to have brush cleaned up.

Steve had to leave (6:30)

The following bills were presented for November; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$106.00; Sharon Miller, \$12.00; Richland Observer, \$105.30; Boaz Landscaping, \$4,410.00; Cathy Cooper, \$10.20; Rent-A-Flash, \$2,289.43; All American Do It Center, \$5.00; Fastenal, \$13.26; Darrell Olson Trucking, Inc., \$192.00; Kevin Burkhamer, (Jacobson Bridge repair - \$275 held back) \$2,090.00; Driftless Area Hunting Outlet LLC, \$25.00; Gary Manning, \$500.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$874.15. Motion made by Duane Klang to pay the November bills as presented, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday January 9, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Motion made by Chip Parduhn to adjourn the meeting, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:54 pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair