

Richland County Parks Commission
January 9th, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The January 9th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Larry Jewell, Kerry Severson, Gary Peters, Charles Parduhn, Duane Klang and Cathy Cooper. Steve Kohlstedt was absent.

The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Gary Peters moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Klang to approve the minutes of the December meeting second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

There was no public input at this point in the meeting.

FEMA floodplain update; Cathy reported that FEMA called just before Christmas needing to know how much in cubic yards of debris did Mike Drake pick up, where did he take it and how did he dispose of it and where are the GPS points for that. Cathy talked with Gary Peters regarding the picnic tables that the flood swept away. There is one 8' wooden table damaged beyond repair and five 6' metal framed tables. A cost for the replacement of the wooden table is approximately \$800.00 and the metal framed tables would be \$200.00 each. Debris under the bridges on the bike trail between the snowmobile shed and Twin Bluffs, there was none found. Cathy has to GPS along the trail where there are flood damage issues; approximately 1,300 feet of wash boarding of the bike trail from Twin Bluffs to the Sewer Treatment plant. \$200.00 a day for repairing the wash boarding on the trail. Then from Henpeck Lane to where the tube needs to be replaced, Cathy spoke with Jim Chitwood, Highway Department Commissioner, he gave an estimate of \$1,800 to replace the pipe and fixing up of the area. The dirt needed to repair areas of the bike trail will be reviewed by Kerry Severson and Rich or Rob Wanless for a cost estimate.

Bike Trail; Kerry Severson reported that he was approached by someone with the snowmobile club regarding permanently signing the snowmobile trail along the County portion of the bike trail. The commission thinks that this would be a good idea. This would be at the cost of the snowmobile alliance group, Cathy suggested that he also speak with Dale Bender regarding the signing before the snowmobile alliance starts installing permanent signs. Bob Bellman suggested that Kerry bring a proposal back with the specifications of placement of signs. Chip reported to the commission that there will be a new tower going up on the Don Stanke property in Orion Township. Dr. Meyer is going to talk with the County Board regarding a walking trail through to the fairgrounds, this will be a separate trail from the bike trail on the North side of the city. A lot of the land that would be involved is wetland and the DNR says NO.

Rifle Range. Cathy spoke with Steve this afternoon, he has burned some of the debris piles. Bob reported that the Finance Committee is interested in selling the Rifle Range as a way to raise funds for the County. The commission members discussed this thought and concluded that it is not a good thought.

Viola Park. Gary has driven by the park and everything looks good. Nothing new to report on the fence. Bob reported that it was his understanding that the Parks commission will be paying for half the cost of the fence.

Rockbridge Park. Gary suggested that a sign be placed at the walking trail steps recognizing James Golackson's work on repairing the trail. It was suggested to have Gary work on what the sign should say and bring it back to the commission in February.

Snowmobile Alliance. Cathy reported that she attended the snowmobile alliance meeting letting the club's know that we are in need of emails for the trail bosses and contact information. The state is also requesting trail numbers for all of the trails that are used. The maybe a meeting in Crawford County regarding the SNARS program that is now being used. The Commission gave Cathy the go ahead to talk with Victor, County Clerk. Kerry reported that the Alliance is working with someone on a computer program that can be submitted to the Parks Commission and then report on to the State.

Commission member reports. Gary will be attending the Southwest Badger RC&D meeting on Friday January 13th, 2017.

Contracts will be on the February agenda. Mike Drake will do the mowing of the Parks at the same rate of 2016.

The following bills were presented for January; Premier Co-op, \$311.37; Hidden Valley Inc., \$230.00; Kickapoo Fire Protection, \$18.50; Rent-A-Flash, \$987.59; All American Do It Center, \$173.78; Fastenal, \$60.11; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$76.92. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the January Bills as presented and pay Kevin Burkhamer the \$275.00 that was held back in December, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday February 6th, 2017. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

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

Meeting ended at 6:22 pm.

Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair