

Richland County Parks Commission
April 3rd, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The April 3rd, 2017 meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Chip Parduhn at 5:33 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, Charles "Chip" Parduhn, Duane Klang, Steve Kohlstedt, Kerry Severson, Larry Jewell, Kevin Jasper, Mark McCauley and Cathy Cooper. Bob Bellman was absent.

The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the March meeting as amended (Rockbridge Park C....The **directory** **director** was thankful...) second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Public input; Mark McCauley spoke with the commission regarding Jet Ski's on the Pine River. There were 2 residents of the county that backed up their Jet Ski trailer onto the kayak launch and off loaded their Jet Ski's in the Pine River and proceeded to ride them up and down the river. After much discussion Steve pointed out to Mark that the County would not have the authority to regulate the waters as they are all consider state waters, therefore, what happens on the water is regulated through the Department of Natural Resources. Steve suggested that this issue be on the next agenda. Invite someone from water quality, fisheries, DNR Warden Mike Nice to the May meeting. Steve also mentioned that if the area is deemed a class "A" Trout stream then the fisheries can eliminate the usage directly through regulations by the state.

FEMA report; Cathy gave the report on what was reported to FEMA regarding how much it would cost for all the repairs from the flood. The cost is approximately \$6,000 and our share would be the deductible of \$2,500 from the County's insurance (this is only for the picnic tables from Pier Park). The culvert that needs to be replace on the bike trail will NOT need a permit from the DNR as long as the culvert is being replaced in the same spot. Not sure as to what happens next regarding reimbursement, Cathy will be checking in on this.

Bike Trail; Nothing new to report. Chip reported that there seems to be a lot of walkers and hikers using the trail right now.

Cathy also reported that there will be some funds coming from FEMA to do some repair work on the trail. Steve suggested that the repairs should be done as soon as the ground is firm enough. Cathy will bring the details of what needs to be done to the April meeting.

Rifle Range; nothing new to report.

Viola Park. The fence at the park should be done sometime this later spring.

Rockbridge Park; A. Bids for the placement of toys; No bids were received, one bid package was emailed out. On a separate note, Chip spoke with the Rockbridge town patrolman regarding the dumpster that needs to be removed from the Pine River; the patrolman said that he would get back to him once he looks to see if he could get it removed. The commission directed Cathy to put the bid out again for the May meeting.

Snowmobile Alliance; A. 2017-18 grant application. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to present the grant application to County Board for final approval, second made by Gary Peters. Discussion - Kerry Severson has GPS'd all of the snowmobile trails except the trail to Hub City and the trails to Yuba and Cazenovia. The bike trail has not been GPS'd yet. Kerry has a map that he shared with the commission. Motion carried. Cathy will email the County Clerk and Corporation Counsel to let them know this needs to be on the next County Board meeting.

Stewardship grant; we received the grant but, we as the County would need to come up with \$74,000 in matching funds. Cathy was directed by the commission to inform the Stewardship Grant people that the County finances are currently in turmoil and there are no funds available at this time from the County,

ATV Trails; Kevin Jasper presented to the commission that he has been in contact with the Richland Center City Council and they would like to have public hearings regarding a designated ATV trail route. Cathy also suggested that Kevin should have letters of support from the townships that the trail would be going through. This trail would be open to the public by using only county, township and city road ways, only crossing over 3 state highways and not going through any private property. Motion made by Gary Peters to have a letter of support from the Parks Commission with manageable speeds, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Charles Parduhn term is done July 1st, 2017. Commission directed Cathy to publish for a Citizen Member to take over by July 1st, 2017.

There were no commission member reports.

There was no other business.

The following bills were presented for April; Hidden Valleys Inc., \$1,101.96; Richland County Highway Department, \$242.37. Motion made by Duane Klang to hold the Highway Department bill, until further investigated, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion Carried. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the April Bill as presented, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday May 1st. 2017. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:28 pm.

Charles Parduhn cnc

Charles "Chip" Parduhn
Parks Commission Vice-Chairman