

Richland County Parks Commission  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

The June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, Bob Bellman, Charles "Chip" Parduhn, Duane Klang, Steve Kohlstedt, Kerry Severson, Larry Jewell, Ben Southwick Corporation Counsel, Richard & Karen McGee, John Lichteig, John Collins, Chris Carley, Austin Golackson and Cathy Cooper.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the May meeting as sent out, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman dropped down to #7B. Richard McGee spoke with the commission regarding unauthorized vehicles driving on the bike trail. He is proposing flower beds on either side of the trail in Lone Rock to help discourage this from happening. Discussion of how wide apart the planters need to be followed; the planters will need to be at least 12' apart to accommodate the groomer. Kerry Severson made motion to have the planters 12' apart, Mr. McGee will maintain the boxes; a sign at the beginning of the trail stating no unauthorized vehicles beyond this point, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Mr. McGee is not asking for any money from the commission, just their permission to do this. Larry Jewell arrived to the meeting.

Back to #5. Pine River No Wake Ordinance. Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel was present to discuss what the Commission would like to have in the proposed ordinance, signs would need to be placed at points along the Pine River, excluding emergency services. Gary Peters made a motion to have the ordinance written that it is county wide along the Pine River with the exemption of training and emergency services, second made by Charles Parduhn. Motion carried. Ben will have the ordinance at the June County Board meeting. Kerry Severson asked if Mr. Southwick could stay for the next item.

7A. Bike Trail Ordinance; Kerry Severson is proposing an amendment to the Ordinance 96-22 amending 97-21, After further discussion of what needs to be done with the amending of the ordinance. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to have this tabled to the July agenda for better review, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Mr. Southwick asked to let him know when the next meeting will be and he will attend.

Next on the agenda was the interviews for the next commission member. John Lichteig and John Collins are the candidates. The commission interviewed both gentlemen. After the interviews the commission members discussed both people and what either one of them could bring to the commission. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to nominate John Collins as the new representative and take the appointment to the County Board, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Back to Public Input; Austin Golackson addressed the commission regarding his project for his Eagle Scout Badge; he is looking at upgrading the rotatory garden park within the city limits. The commission members suggested for Austin to go to the City Parks Board that meets next week.

7C Repairs & Maintenance; the commission has instructed Cathy to contact Don Wanless and have him mow the entire trail next week. Then Steve and Jim Husnik will get the entire trail sprayed.

7D, Cathy is requesting permission from the commission to have the authority to approve emergency maintenance on the trail when needed. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to give Cathy the authority to have emergency repair done to the trail up to \$2,000.00, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

8A. Viola Park fence; Cathy has not heard anything, Steve reported that he was at the park and the fence is done, we have not received the bill yet.

9A. Rockbridge Park maintenance, Cathy reported that Mike Drake was in and reported that he has cleaned-up the boxelder trees on the back side of the rock that fell after the last storm. 9B; playground equipment installation, Bill Barnett has agreed to install the equipment per Chip Parduhn, just need to get together with him at the park. Steve reported that the Highway Department is not going to do the installation. Cathy also reported that the water test on the well came back good.

#10 Snowmobile Alliance; Chris Carley and Cathy reported that the grant has been spent. Still having issues to get each trail have someone to put the information into the "SNARS" system.

#11. Commission member reports; Gary Peters reported that Hidden Valleys had their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon. Gary also mentioned Southwest Badger RC & D.

Cathy also reported that Jude Elliott was in contact with her and he will need 2 loads of black dirt at \$240 per load from Randy Olson to fill in the low spots that were left from the construction equipment when doing the rip rapping.

12. Commission Member Duties.

Rockbridge Park – Gary Peters  
Rifle Range – Kerry Severson & John Collins  
Viola Park - Steve Kohlstedt  
Boat Landings – Steve Kohlstedt  
Akey School – John Collins  
Snowmobile – Duane Klang  
Bike Trial – Kerry Severson

13. Commission Member Recognition - Chip Parduhn's membership expires this year, he was presented with a plaque. Pictures were taken

There was no other business.

The following bills were presented for June; Town & Country Sanitation, \$736.34; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$265.00; WI State Lab of Hygiene, \$29.00; Sharon Miller, \$56.00; WDATCP License Renewal, \$175.00; Richland Observer, \$210.60; Randy Olson Trucking LLC, \$200.00; J. Don Wanless, \$825.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware. \$169.97; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$285.07; Chet's Feed & Seed, \$158.25; Richland Snowmobile Alliance, \$21,148.87. Motion made by Charles Parduhn to pay the June bills as presented, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday July, 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2017. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm at the Rockbridge "Pier" Park.

Motion made by Charles Parduhn to adjourn the meeting, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Bellman <sup>tb</sup>

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Parks Commission Chairman