

Richland County Parks Commission
February 3rd, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The February 3rd, 2014 meeting was called to order by Commission Chair, Bob Bellman, at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Mike Drake and Cathy Cooper. Larry Jewel, Don Seep and Duane Klang were absent.

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

Gary Peters moved to approve the minutes of the December 2nd, 2013 meeting, seconded by Charles Parduhn. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Chairman Bellman went down to item 9, 2014 Maintenance contracts. Mike Drake is the person who mowed the county parks last year. Chairman Bellman asked Mike if he was still interested to mow for 2014 he said yes with the understanding of a 5% increase. Mowing on the back side of the rock at Pier Park was discussed and it was determined to hold off for now on that part of the park. Mike takes care of Pier Park (Rockbridge), Viola Park, Rifle Range and Akey School. Steve suggested that the mowing contract should focus on the current parks and if the opportunity arises to mow the back part of the rock at Pier Park deal with it then. Steve Kohlstedt made motion to an increase of 5% to Mike Drake's contract for the 2014 lawn maintenance of the county parks; second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Before the committee went on with the agenda, Cathy asked to first go over the other maintenance contracts for the 2014 season. The office had received the pumping reports from the Zoning/Sanitation department for the Viola Park, the Orion Township Boat landing and Pier Park, Rockbridge Township for the 2013 season and the upcoming 2014 season. Cathy was told to forward the reports on to Ron Fogo for completion. Pier Park was pumped in 2013, Viola is pumped every three years and the Orion Boat landing is abandoned. Cathy will contact Mike Bindl at the Zoning/Sanitation office regarding the boat landing and the Viola Park. The committee informed Cathy to contact Nature's Way and Town and County Sanitation in March to renew the agreements for placement of port-a-potties and dumpsters to begin again as of April 1, 2014.

Rockbridge Park-Bat survey, Cathy received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requesting assistance and permission to visit the Pier County Park tunnel in Rockbridge to inspect the site for both bats and the presence of White Nose Syndrome (WNS). The committee agreed for them to come out and do the inspection. At this point the committee discussed what they could do to reduce human contact in the tunnel; it was suggested to close the tunnel during the winter months while bats are hibernating. The committee also is asking for some strategies that may help.

Steve Kohlstedt gave the Rifle Range report. Steve handed out Rifle Range rules and he would like to have them posted at the range. He suggested having a clean-up day and invite the public that uses the park along with groups that also use the park. Put out the invite to the local groups and have it in the paper. April 12th, 2014 is set for the clean-up day starting at 9am until done. The Parks commission will provide the garbage bags. Steve would also like to put the range rules in the paper.

Nothing to report on the Snowmobile Alliance; however Chairman Bellman asked if any of the committee would like to add anything. Discussion followed with the difference between club trails and state trails

The FEMA claim on the bike trail was next on the agenda. Cathy reported that she had been contacted By Chris Dettmann of FEMA, she sent the paperwork for reimbursement of \$2,046.70 for the bike trail flooding in the summer of 2013. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to authorize Cathy to sign the request, seconded by Charles Parduhn. Motion carried.

Any other business- Steve did some checking on the archeological dig. There has been a snag with the county resolution. The application needs to be submitted by an archeologist, we have to have a plan of curator and a plan of perpetual storage that has an archeological back ground. The artifacts are currently stored in the vault at the treasures office in the County Courthouse. Bob will contact George Christianson to see if he will be willing to proceed with the permit application and give his suggestions on the storage of the findings. This issue will be kept on the meeting agenda for March.

Bob will not be at the March meeting, Duane Klang is the Vice Chairman and if he is not present then Charles Parduhn is the Secretary. Bob will work with Cathy on the agenda for the March 3rd meeting.

Cathy presented the committee with the Richland County Highway Commission bill for the repair to the bike trail. The cost \$1,369.43, this was not as expensive as was thought.

At this point Bob Bellman went back to bike trail. He has not heard anything about the need of digging up the bike trail for the new sewer plant off of County Highway TB at Twin Bluffs. Steve Kohlstedt suggested having a walk thru of the bike trail before the construction starts and again after construction to make sure the trail is in better shape than it was before construction. This will stay on the agenda for March. Steve Kohlstedt made a motion to have Cathy email Town and County Engineering to find out what the status of the project is, seconded by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The bills were presented as follows: Hidden Valleys Inc., \$1,101.96; REC, \$26.79; Richland County Highway Commission, \$1,369.43 and Steel Mart, \$1,182.50 Total bills for February \$3,680.68. Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the bills, seconded by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting is March 3rd, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Charles Parduhn moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Bellman

Parks Commission Chair