

Richland County Parks Commission  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

The March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 meeting was called to order by Commission Vice-Chairman Duane Klang, at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Duane Klang, Charles Parduhn, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Don Seep, Larry Jewell, Chris Carley, Dave Huth, Nick Morehouse, Michael Schindelm and Cathy Cooper.

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

Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 meeting, seconded by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Vice-Chairman Klang went to item #7 Bike Trail Update. Dave Huth and Michael Schindelm were present to discuss the use of the bike trail and the new sewer system going in. The bids are going out this week and the contract for construction to begin in June to early October. The construction will take approximately 10 months to complete, construction will follow the bike trail to Sawmill Road then along US Highway 14 to Twin Bluffs Road where it will go back to the bike trail and then follow along to the new plant. The trail cannot be closed in the area by Twin Bluffs during the snowmobile season. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to give the city of Richland Center the option to shut down the bike trail during the summer construction, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Mr. Schindelm asked who will be the contact in the field for the bike trail if problems arise. It was agreed to have it be Chip Parduhn.

Nick Morehouse presented maps of the bike trail along Lone Rock that is in need of having trees thinned. Discussion followed. Motion made by Larry Jewell to allow the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to move forward with the thinning of the trees on the portion indicated on the map (attached to master minutes). The money from the sale of the trees is to come back to the Richland County Parks Commission (approximately \$220.00) second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) request. They were asking if the County had received any other moneys for the repairs to the flood damage of the bike trail. Cathy spoke with Victor and is keeping Bob informed.

Chris Carley gave the snowmobile alliance report. They have always planted trees in memory of a member who has died. They are running out of places to plant trees. The alliance is looking at erecting a shelter with a bench on the south side of the shed for the bike trail instead. There are bridges that are in need of repair on the trail. #12 is a high priority that is in need of repair this summer. If reseeding is required for parts of the trail and the land owner pays for the seed themselves then the bill will go directly to the alliance, if the alliance purchases the seed and gives the seed to the land owner the cost would then go thru the grant. The alliance tries to have everything regarding the trails taken care of by May and finish up the current grant. The new grant comes out July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris will get some trail maps to the conservation office.

Vice-Chairman now went back to #5 of the agenda. Rockbridge Park; Steve Kohlstedt reported that he is trying to get in contact with George Christianson, Archeologist, UW Baraboo, to go over what the Parks Commission's options are for the archeological dig at the park. Discussion followed regarding the storage of the finds.

Cathy gave a quick update of the status of the bat survey. She has sent an email to Jennifer Redell to let her know that the county has agreed to the bat survey but we would like to know what can be done after the survey is complete to protect the bats.

Steve Kohlstedt gave the Rifle Range report was next. Tammy has typed up his hand written rules and he will get them to the paper for publishing in the near future. Some of the standards will need to be replaced after the snow has cleared a little. Steve has been in contact with the sheriff's department regarding the clean-up and invited them to come out to help Cathy will be in contact with the various shooting groups in the area to do the same. Steve still feels that we need to put the invitation in the local paper. Don Seep suggested that the invite be put in the Shopping News instead of the Richland Observer as more people will see it.

There was nothing new to report on the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.

The land donation from Don Clark was discussed. The property will need a survey done of exactly what Mr. Clark is donating. The commission will have to get permission from the county surveyor to have the survey put out for bids if he doesn't want to do it. Then after the survey is done it will have to go to the full County Board to accept the gift. Then Ben Southwick (corporation counsel) can draft the deed and the commission can have it recorded for the fee of \$30.00 Discussion followed regarding why they have to give the county surveyor first right of refusal.

The bills were presented as follows: Richland County Highway Department, \$99.00; Richland County Zoning, \$30.00, the Walsh's Ace Hardware bill was actually for the snowmobile trail groomer not for the grant. Don Seep moved to approve the bills excluding the snowmobile bill, seconded by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

The next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Charles Parduhn moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Jewel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Duane Klang by CAC*

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair