

Richland County Parks Commission
May 5th, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The May 5th, 2014 meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Bob Bellman, at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Bob Bellman, Duane Klang, Charles Parduhn, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Don Seep, Chris Carley, Snowmobile Alliance President, Larry Jewell and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Nick Morehouse, DNR arrived later.

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

Larry Jewell pointed out that his name was spelled incorrectly in the April minutes. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2014 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Larry's last name seconded by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Public Input: there was none.

Next was the Rockbridge Park archeological dig status. The Commission discussed the resolution that was drafted by Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel, in late 2013 has been reviewed by Archeologist George Christianson and he suggested that the wording in the resolution be changed from educational permit to Wisconsin Public Land permit discussion followed regarding the cost staying close to \$5,000 that George has quoted previously. Steve Kohlstedt informed the commission that there are different sections of this permit and George would be able to have students working the area at a different rate of pay than that if the project would have to go out for bids. Should the project have to go out for bids then the Commission would have to hire an archeologist to write the bid package and then it would have to go out on bid to the nineteen pages of archeologists in the state, this could result in a minimum cost of \$20,000. Going with an educational permit and having George Christianson and his students work will be a much more economical route to go. Steve continued that there is no cost for the permit; the cost is for the curation of materials, the artifacts will be stored outside of Richland County. A permit will not be obtained for the curation of the materials in Richland County, we may get some of the artifacts back for show but the materials will all be stored in either the UWs of Madison, LaCrosse or Milwaukee, as Richland County is not set up to store artifacts. George is willing to as an educational process put the dig together for the Commission and work with the UW of Lacrosse for the curation of all artifacts and field notes. Steve reiterated that there are two parts to the permit request one part being the public lands and the other being the educational. George will go under the educational part of the permit with authorization by the County to move forward. After further discussion regarding where the findings are kept. Nick Morehouse, DNR, suggested having pictures taken of the artifacts and have them posted at the site where they were found. Motion was made by Don Seep to move forward with the resolution as edited and present it to the County Board second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Rifle Range update: Steve spoke about the cleanup; the cleanup took about 1.5 hours total. Steve sent out personal thank you notes to everyone who showed up. The range will need more timbers. Tammy had mentioned that Cathy stated that on Friday last week the 4-H shooting sports youth and instructors cleaned up before the contest on Saturday, when they came back on Saturday the trash cans and the dumpster were full. The sheriff's department and the city police had used the range and hadn't cleaned up.

County Bike Trail was next; Nick Morehouse, DNR ranger station out of Spring Green, Nick was at the March meeting about some timber being cut along the trail east of Gotham and sold for a profit to the commission. He is back with more timber to be cut on the other side of the trail and sold for a profit of approximately \$400.00 making the total with the previous cutting to about \$650.00. Motion made by Don Seep to approve the cutting and sale of the timber for a profit to the parks commission second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried. Item B- Force Main – nothing has been heard however Town & Country engineering will be at the June meeting with more information on the city sewer plant and the construction time line. Item C – Hiring a Professional photographer to take pictures of the trail prior to the force main is constructed. After further discussion Steve Kohlstedt will take pictures of the trail bed/side at quarter mile intervals starting at Equity/County Hwy O to the new sewer plant site.

Richland County Snowmobile Alliance Report; Chris Carley presented the commission with more bills for the grant, all of the bills need to be handed in by May 15th, 2014 in order for the County Audit Committee to approve the grant reimbursement. Chris did have one bill to turn in this month that he did not get to the office before the meeting. If there are any other gates that need to be purchased from Ace during the month of May the bill needs to be turned in to Tammy so she will be able to have them on the bills for the June 2nd meeting as the Ace Hardware statement will be in the mail after the June meeting. Steve asked Chris if they would be applying for any supplemental grant money. Chris was not sure if they had enough hours.

The outdoor recreation plan was next on the agenda. Cathy didn't give Tammy any update on this. Steve spoke about the development of the plan. The cost of this plan is time and paper. Chip asked if there was possibly any grant money available for playground equipment for the Rockbridge Park. Phone calls would need to be made. The plan will be on the June agenda. Chip asked about Hidden Valley and what is happening with them. Don reported that the brochures are out and he will bring some in for the next meeting. The group needed to do some reorganization of duties.

Other items: Tourism expenditures for the counties were in the State Journal recently and Richland County was the second lowest in the southwest Wisconsin region for tourism spending. Tammy received a call from Nick Brewer; he would like to collect fallen trees along the bike trail for fire wood. This was allowed once in the past, but currently it would not be a good idea due to potential bike trail construction. Tammy will contact Mr. Brewer to find out what section he was looking at.

Don Seep stated that the Rockbridge Town Chairman was asking about cleaning up some of the brush around the rock at the park.

Bob Bellman mentioned that he just remembered that they were to have elections to elect chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Tammy said that she thought the elections would be at the July meeting as the appointments to the commission are at the beginning of July.

The bills were presented as follows: Town & County Sanitation, \$552.25; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$102.00; Lime Ridge Ag Supply Inc., \$314.48; Walsh's Ace Hardware. \$419.96. Gary Peters moved to approve the bills, seconded by Don Seep. Motion carried.

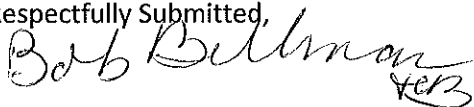
The next meeting June 2nd, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. tentatively set for being at Rockbridge Park.

Tammy reminded the commission that Jason Marshall will be coming to the commission to discuss the web page. Tammy informed the commission that she is working with Jason to get her home system up to date to work on both the LCD page and the Parks page. Steve asked if there would be any way that the parks commission could purchase a computer with a DSL line so that the work is done on County time instead of her personal time using her home computer. The commission now discussed having the meeting start at the conservation building and ending at the Rockbridge Park.

Charles Parduhn moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman". There is a small mark or scribble at the bottom right of the signature.

Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair