

Richland County Parks Commission  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

The December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Don Seep, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Duane Klang, Brian Noth, James Peterson Sons, Frank Brey, Town & County Engineering, Carl Oman by phone and Cathy Cooper. Gary Peters 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 Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 meeting second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Bike/Snowmobile Trail; Frank Brey of Town & Country Engineering and Brian Noth of James Peterson Sons gave an update on the construction of the city sewer main going down the bike/snowmobile trail. Progress continues with hopes to have the trail ready for the snowmobiles by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The county portion of the trail is 99% complete. Brian and some of the Snowmobile alliance members went over the trail and showed the detours that will happen. As for the city section, construction is behind the shopping mall and almost to the concrete plant, with hopes to get to Foundry Drive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The construction crew will stop for the season at Foundry Drive and park the equipment for the winter. Carl Oman had called Cathy with a request to use the trail behind Wal-Mart to the Do It Center for hauling sand to the retention pond that he is working on. He wants to do this while the weather is cold. Cathy called Carl to confirm the reason he wants to use the trail, she put this on speaker phone for the commission to hear. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the use of the trail for 1 day (Tuesday), second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

The 2015 mowing contract with Mike Drake was next on the agenda. Don Seep spoke with Mike regarding the contract and Mike would like to renew the contract at the same rate as 2014 with the amendment of mowing on the southwest side of the rock. Don will discuss the additional mowing with Mike and ask him to attend the January meeting to discuss the extra mowing.

Next on the agenda was the outdoor recreational plan – leave on the agenda for January.

Steve Kohlstedt gave the rifle range report. He picked up more timber planks and put some up. He stored the extras in a different place and the shooters have been replacing them as needed. He also reported that since the article in the paper, people have been more aware of their surroundings and cleaning up after themselves. Steve also reported that the Rockbridge Sawmill has been sold.

Item # 9 - Rockbridge Park; Don wanted to address the thinning of the trees. Don has spoken with Mike Drake and he would be interested in taking the trash trees as fire wood provided he would be reimbursed for the cost of fuel and oil for his equipment. This will be left on the agenda for the next meeting. The Eastside of the Rock has more briars than scrap; the Westside of the rock has more scrap trees that need to be removed. Discussion continued with what the commission is thinking. Either side of the rock needs to have what is to be removed marked. Don suggested having Cathy send a notice to Mike Drake asking for his presence at the January meeting. The replacement of the highway 80 bridge needs to have an archeological study and the Historical Society needs permission from the owner to continue. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve Chairman Bellman sign for approval, seconded by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Cathy handed out a report from George Christiansen regarding the archeological report as of this meeting (report attached to the master minutes) the bill for the dig will come after everything has been cataloged and curated. The committee reviewed the report. The interpretation of the report is that this area was probably a camp site for tribes moving through the area and not a settlement site.

The Clark land donation was next. Cathy reported that Clara (Clark) Berry has passed away. Cathy wasn't sure if Clara's son Dean Berry had completed the process of power of attorney. Bob at this point interrupted that Don Clark and his brothers had concerns with the legal description as it is currently written. As of yet nothing has been signed and the Berry's need to see exactly what is being donated. Bob or Cathy will get in contact with Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel, regarding the legal description and having it mapped out.

There were no other items to discuss.

The bills were presented as follows: Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$225.00; Rockbridge Sawmill, \$63.75; Richland Observer, \$16.80; Fastenal Company, \$12.68; Fastenal Company, \$19.02; Richland County Land Conservation, \$55.60. Motion was made by Chip Parduhn to approve the December bills second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried

Next meeting date is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:30pm. The outdoor recreation plan will be discussed in February.

Chip Parduhn made motion to adjourn, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bob Bellman*  
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Parks Commission Chair