

Richland County Parks Commission  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

The January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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, Gary Peters, Frank Brey, Town & Country Engineering, Mike Drake, Richard & Karen McGee and Cathy Cooper.

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 Charles Parduhn to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meeting second made Duane Klang. Motion carried.

At this point Chairman Bellman moved to #6 of the agenda, 2015 mowing contract; Mike Drake would like to renew the contract at the same rates of 2014 with the amendment of mowing on the south side of the rock. Steve Kohlstedt suggested that the cleanup and mowing of the south side of the rock be separate for this mowing season. Don and Mike will get together to go over what trees need to be removed and what it will cost for the mowing on the new section. This will be separate from the regular contract and brought back to the Commission at the February meeting. The commission is pleased with what Mike has done in the past.

Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to continue on with Drake Mowing for the 2015 mowing season for the parks and cleaning of the bathroom at Rockbridge, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman asked for Frank Brey to give an update on the bike/snowmobile trail; Frank reported that they are 90% complete with the force main project. They are all set for the snowmobilers when we actually get snow for them to use the trail. There is a gate across the trail at Twin Bluffs and it will be open once the snowmobile trail is open. There is much restoration to be completed in the spring. The culvert near Charles Parduhn's has been replaced as a donation from the contractor. They are further along than anticipated with the force main portion of the project. They are still waiting for the area near the plant to freeze up more to put in the pipe from the plant to the river. Frank will keep the commission up to date with the project and when they will be starting up with the pipe at the plant.

Back to #4 Public Input. Richard & Karen McGee wished to address the commission regarding some issues with a neighbor that is parking on the trail in the Lone Rock area. The "no motorized vehicle sign beyond this point" needs to be moved to where the trail actually begins at the end of Richland Street. Chairman Bellman stated that he would like to see a regular letter sent, Don Seep thought that a certified letter would be better at least for the paper trail if needed later. A letter to the neighbor in question, indicating where the trail starts and what is allowed by the ordinance, along with a breakdown of the fines. A new sign will be placed at the beginning of the trail in Lone Rock in the spring.

5B of the agenda; Cathy reported that Carl Oman is done; he used the trail the first day until it started to get soft. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day he was able to do his work by just crossing the trail.

Next is the Outdoor Recreational Plan. Cathy & Steve met after the last public meeting regarding the plan. Some of the categories that were brought up are way beyond the commission's ability. Charles Parduhn suggested utilizing some of the service clubs in the area that are always looking for projects to do. The next meeting will have the "who, What Where & When" discussion followed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 in the county board room. Then the group involved will set the next date. Letter of invitation for the February meeting will be sent out by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Steve gave a brief report on the rifle range; He spoke with the Foresters regarding the burning of the refuse at the range. The foresters said not a problem as long as there is snow cover, just let the Sheriff's department know that we are going to burn. Once the new sheriff is in place the commission and the Sheriff need to get together with him to review the rules of the range.

Rockbridge Park: There has been no news on the Archeological dig; they are still curating the findings, so there is no bill yet. The commission needs to move the archeologist along to get things finished as the commission was told the project would be done in December of 2014. There is no new news on the Clark land donation. Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel has said that he would be sending Mr. Clark a map showing where the description is actually located. The office still has not seen a map from Mr. Southwick.

There were no other items.

The bills were presented as follows: Hidden Valley Inc., \$1,101.96; Richland County Shopping News, \$55.30; Rent a Flash, \$2,200.42; Hartje Lumber Inc., \$5,235.52; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$241.43; Richland County Land Conservation, \$55.89; Darrell Olson Trucking Inc., \$484.95; Fastenal Company, \$31.70; All American Do It Center, \$35.49. Motion was made by Chip Parduhn to approve the December bills second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried

Next meeting date will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 5:30pm. Chip Parduhn made motion to adjourn, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Bellman

Parks Commission Chair