

Richland County Parks Commission
April 6th, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The April 6th, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Duane Klang, Gary Peters, Dan Pepich, Shane Pepich, Jon Golockson, Mark McCauley, Sharon Miller, Josh Clark, Melinda Jones and Cathy Cooper. Don Seep was absent.

The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Chip Parduhn moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the March 2nd and 24th, meetings, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Bike Trail. Frank Brey, Town & Country Engineering, reported that the pipe for the sewer plant has all been buried. They are currently filling them with water to test them. Restoration on the trail will happen this summer after the manholes have been tested. Need to still remind the public that the trail is still closed. Frank also suggested that there be a walk thru on the trail, so the commission is satisfied. There will be two different walk thru on the trail. One as a preliminary to get a better idea of what needs to be done and then one after things have been restored. The preliminary walk thru inspection will be set by Dave Huth, Richland Center City Sewer, he will contact Chip with the date and time. Chip will in turn contact Steve with the date and time. Barbara Dureksen called the office last week asking about the Sand hill Crane bird count that they do utilizing the bike trail. Steve informed the commission members that the crane count happens between sawmill road and Twin Bluffs and then from Heck Peck Rd to the 204 foot bridge. So they will not be on any part of the trail that the construction is on. They will be on the trail from 5:30 am to 7:30 am on Saturday. Wayne Marish was in the office earlier and is asking about fencing. The commission did $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile fence for Wayne 10 years ago based on him having cattle. If Wayne is not grazing in that area then there is no need for the fence. There will be a map and a list of questions to ask Wayne when he comes back in at Tammy's desk. The commission needs to know what Wayne wants before they can make a decision.

Chairman Bellman dropped down to item 11 of the agenda at this point. Rockbridge Park. There has been no new information regarding the archeological dig from George Christiansen III. There is another dig going on at the highway 80 bridge, this dig was approved by the commission previously, they were unable to do the dig when it was first approved due to the weather. They hope to get to this yet this coming week. The Boy Scouts troop 81 would be interested in volunteering their time to refurbish trails at the park. They would need new timbers, need to reshape the existing trail and the slope and some possible hand rails but the drawback of having rails in certain areas it becomes a challenge for some. The Boy Scouts would have proof of insurance. Chairman Bellman suggested that they draw up a plan with location and cost of supplies need for the trail update and bring back to the May meeting.

Next Chairman Bellman went back up to the outdoor recreation plan, Friends of the Pine and the Canoe/Kayak ports. Melinda Jones, City Clerk's office, she Dale Bender and Shane Stibbe are working on a large grant and she is asking for a letter of support from the parks commission. Melinda handed out a map (attached to master minutes) showing where the landings will be. The city is also looking at paving the bike trail from Bohmann Drive to County Highway O. The city is also looking at building a mountain bike trail on the hill across from Ace Hardware to Peoples Dr. at the Armory. They will also be signing the existing trails. The letter of support that the city is looking for from the Parks commission is for a federal grant that they are applying for. This grant is for \$200,000. This is something that the Commission can look at by piggy backing for next year. Motion made by Gary Peters to have a letter of support from the commission and have Chairman Bob Bellman sign it, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. After Bob has signed the letter Cathy will give it to Melinda. Steve suggested also having a letter sent to Gene VanDyke, DNR for a fish & wildlife grant for a canoe/kayak landing as well as a parking area for the Highway 80 location. Steve made this into a motion to send a letter to Gene stating that the commission is in support of the Richland County project. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Mark McCauley handed out a map with the new proposed docking sites and spoke on how many people have actually used the Pine River as recreation.

Discussion of the March 24th meeting of the 5 year outdoor recreation plan. Steve asked if the commission would like for him and Cathy to move forward with putting together a rough draft of the plan and then have another meeting to find out how the community feels for the proposed plan. A walking weekend was discussed by the commission. The Friends of the Pine is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Chairman Bellman stated to have Cathy & Steve to move forward. The commission all went around and mentioned what they as individuals gained out of the meeting.

Other items on the agenda. The Clark land donation, nothing new as of yet. The commission directed Cathy to send a letter to Mr. Clark to find out where everything stands along with a copy of the resolution that has been passed.

Playground equipment at the Rockbridge park. Cathy met with Ty. Cathy handed out some price quotes and what ends to be taken out of the park. Ty suggested taking out all of the current equipment and starting over with new. The cost of just equipment would be \$5,000. Installation would be more. This is only a quote and the commission feels that they need to look more. This will be on the May agenda.

There was no one available for the Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.

Rifle Range was next. Steve met with Sheriff Bindl this morning. There was 2 VCR's and a television that had been shot. Steve would like to have a sign placed with the statement that there is a security system in place. Steve would also like to be on the radio show to talk about the problems at the range and suggested the public help with security.

Other Items: the snowmobile grant(s). Cathy as spoke with Kerry Severson regarding the new proposed trail, he has not gotten back to her. Tom Jindrick also has a bridge that needs to be replaced and he has not gotten back with Cathy regarding prices. So at this point the only grant is the maintenance grant. She also spoke with Chris Carley and he stated that they need to get it done.

The following bills were presented for April; Richland County Highway Commission, \$727.22; Richland County Land Conservation, \$622.90. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the April bills, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on May 4th. At 5:30.

Motion made by Chip Parduhn to adjourn the meeting, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:10pm.

Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair