

Richland County Parks Commission
October 5th, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The October 5th, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Larry Jewell, Don Seep, Steve Kohlstedt, Jon & James Golackson, Chris Carley and Cathy Cooper. Duane Klang 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 Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Don Seep to approve the minutes of the September 14th & 15th meetings with the addition on the 15th of the second made by Chip Parduhn awarding the bid for the bridge, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman dropped down to item 8A; for the Eagle Scout report. James Golackson reported that he had dropped off the bills from the All American Do It Center for his project and showed pictures. Steve Kohlstedt asked the commission how many of them had gone to the park and saw what James has done with the trail. James has done an awesome job with the trail. Steve asked James "what was your biggest problem with the project", James replied that his biggest challenge with the project was finding the time and help to get the job done. The weather was also an issue as there was some time during the project that it was over 90 degrees and he had to postpone the work. Hauling the supplies to and from the site when there was no-one else to assist him. He obtained supplies from the All American Do It Center for \$310.18, the Rockbridge Sawmill gave the planks at cost for \$210.00 the gravel was actually included with the Do It Center bills. The total cost of the project was \$720.18. The cost to the Parks Commission is \$310.18 with the balance of the project being covered by share nights that James had with Papa Murphy's and Culvers. Bob read the letter that he will sign and present to James with the approval of the commission. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt authorizing Chairman Bob Bellman to sign the letter as written and present it to James, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Jon Golackson at this point asked the commission if as a troop project, they could take the remaining bricks and make permanent fire rings at the park for campers. He is asking about where the commission would like to have the rings placed. Maximum rings four throughout the park. James had a few items for Bob to sign.

There was no public input.

#5. Bike Trail. The bids for the mowing of the trail were opened. There were 2 bids received Don Wanless Bulldozing for \$600.00 per mowing and Drake Mowing bid was \$25.00 an hour plus fuel and then \$75.00 an hour for the rental of the tractor w/arm. Motion was made by Don Seep to accept the Don Wanless Bulldozing bid at \$600.00 per mowing for the 2016 mowing season and to authorize Cathy to contact Don of the result, second make by Chip Parduhn. Discussion followed, the mowing will be done on an as needed bases. Motion carried.

Spraying of the trail was next on the agenda. This will need to go out for bids in the spring. Steve will check into what will be needed for licenses to spray and then report back to the commission in November.

Cathy also reported that there is still some issues with the trail at Lone Rock. According to the ordinance any animals need to be on leashes. Cathy will talk with Sheriff Bindl regarding the ordinance and see what his recommendations are. Motion made by Don Seep, to authorize Cathy, contingent on consultation with Sheriff Bindl to move forward with posting a notice in the local paper, purchase and place a sign with the ordinance 96-22 rules, second make by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

The Outdoor Recreation plan was next on the agenda. Cathy showed the commission what she has put together at this point. She will have copies available and have them at the November meeting. Discussion continued regarding the plan. Brush piles at Pier Park will be taken care of later this winter.

Next on the agenda is the Rifle Range. Steve picked up and replaced standards at the range. Steve suggested a bulldozer and pile up sand for people to bring in their own targets. This is something to consider in the spring of 2016.

Rockbridge Park. Playground equipment. Gary Peters was at Menards and reported that there is a variety of items available. Cathy and Gary will review the items available next week after the Conservation meeting.

Chairman Bellman asked what is going to happen with the spring toys at the park. It was suggested to give the three toys to the individuals that have been asking for them. Cathy will contact the three and invite them to the November meeting.

Fire Extinguishers, Cathy has not heard back from Jim at the DNR, she will get back in contact with him prior to the November meeting.

Cathy has heard nothing from George Christianson regard the archeological dig.

Next is the ad in the Hidden Valley magazine. Cathy reported that the ad needs to be updated and be more informational. Cathy will be in touch with Lon Arbegust regarding the ad. The commission needs to have people write up what they are doing within the county. We need to work with the city of Richland Center and combine forces to promote the county as a whole. Cathy will talk with Jodi Neiden, city of Richland Center and work with her to partner up to promote the entire county. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to authorize Don Seep to talk with Andy Zehle, Richland County extension agent about tourism, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried

The 2016 budget has been set at \$40,000.00 with some carryover from 2015.

Commission member reports. Gary Peters reported that when driving by the Viola Park the garbage is overflowing, Chairman Bellman directed Cathy to contact Town & Country Sanitation to check with them if they have picked up the garbage yet.

Snowmobile Bridge update. We need a letter from Brian Sebranek according to Ben Southwick, Corporation Council signed by Brian Sebranek dba BSB Structures Cathy received an email today just before 4:30 with the grant paperwork for the bridge. We also need a land use agreement from Elliotts' for the placement of the bridge on their property. Mr. Sebranek is asking for an advancement for the bridge. The date for completion of the bridge is December 1st.

Report on the City grant, there is a meeting at the City Hall on October 12th. Shane Stibbe has been in contact with Bob Bellman regarding the city fireworks, Shane is asking if the Parks Commission would donate to the Richland Center city fire works. Consensus of the Commission is no, there are lots of municipalities that have fireworks. The local communities raise money for the fireworks that they have, the local government does not contribute.

Bob reported that there was an emergency call at the Ash Creek Community Forest. The caller was billed by the ambulance department for the call. The caller was looking for the County to pay the bill. When there is a call on recreational property the caller is responsible for the bill.

The following bills were presented for October. Town & Country Sanitation \$368.17; Rockbridge Sawmill, \$133.33; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$322.50; Village of Lone Rock, \$375; Mick Memorial Park, \$375.00; Village of Viola, \$375.00; Town of Marshall, \$272.53; City of Richland Center, \$6,000.00; Village of Boaz, \$375.00; Cazenovia Village Park, \$375.00; Town of Buena Vista, \$375.00; All American Do It Center, \$15.44; Paul Deckert Excavating, \$430.00. Motion made by Don Seep to pay the municipalities with the exception of the Town Marshall contingent of how the letter was written Second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to pay the balance of the October Bills, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday November 2nd, 2015. Meeting will begin at 5:30pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:17 pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair