

Richland County Parks Commission

June 1st, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The June 1st, 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, Gary Peters, Don Seep (late), Frank Brey (Town & Country Engineering), Brian Noth (James Petersons Son), Don and Shane Pepich, Jon, James and Austin Golackson, Claire Hagg, Scott Laage (BL Signs), Mark McCauley 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 Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The Bike Trail was discussed. Cathy said that she had talked with Dave Huth about the fencing on the Wayne Marish Property. The fence that was damaged during the project was replaced by 5 strand barbwire fence. Cathy and Kent installed the new sign at the beginning of the Pine River Trail in Lone Rock. Cathy passed out pictures of the work done. Frank Brey and Brian Noth gave an update on the city sewer project. James Petersons Sons is working on the manholes along the bike trail. They and the city will meet with Steve Kohlstedt and Chip Parduhn later to check on the trail condition for Parks approval. Chip asked what the green box is between the trail and the fence in Twin Bluffs. It is an electrical box necessary for bringing power to the new treatment plant. Wayne Marish thinks it is on his property. Steve Kohlstedt said a survey of the trail was done and verified before the county took possession of the trail. Anything between the trail and the fence is owned by the county. Bob Bellman questioned why the trail closed sign was down along County Hwy O. Brian said that he will make sure it is back up. Bob doesn't want anybody using the trail until it is officially open.

The Commission then went to agenda item 10A. Walking Trail under Rockbridge Park. James Golackson along with the rest of the boy scouts reported that they worked on the trail on May 16. Weeds were cleared away and a new staircase was installed. They worked about 8 hours. They still need gravel and 30 to 33 timbers to finish the project. James is working on raising funds to finish the project.

The Commission went back to public input. Dan Pepich asked that the Commission consider putting up signs to keep people from camping next to the boat landing at Pier County Park (Rockbridge). He also suggested signs be put up that say "No Glass" to remind people not to use glass containers on the Pine River.

Scott Laage, BL Signs, reported back to the commission on replacing the signs at Pier County Park and Viola Park with double sided signs. Following are the options; 1) is a brown & white sign for \$600.00, 2) Beige & Brown signs for \$800.00 and 3) a sand blasted wood sign for \$900.00. Steve Kohlstedt moved to purchase Option 1 for \$600.00, second made by Chip Parduhn, Motion carried.

Claire Hagg talked about a walking weekend sometime this fall. There will be some small costs such as marking the trails and putting together trail maps. The commission thought there are low cost ways to do this. The trails that they are looking at are Ash Creek Community Forest, Pier County Park at Rockbridge and the UW-Smart Farm. The walk will probably be sometime in October.

Steve Kohlstedt had to leave at this point.

Cathy reported that she & Steve have been working on the recreational plan update. Cathy updated the goals, objectives and planning process. Steve is currently reviewing what Cathy has written. Bob gave Cathy a copy of Lafayette County's plan done by Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

The rifle range was next. Cathy reported that Steve had new timbers delivered. Don said he has talked with someone with the Sheriff's Department about the range. The Commission wants to invite the Sheriff, Deputy and the city Police Chief to the next meeting to discuss the future of the range.

The camping fees at Pier Park were discussed. It was brought to Tammy & Cathy's attention that the fee for camping might increase the county's liability at the park due to the states outdoor recreation law. This needs further discussion with Steve Kohlstedt here. It will be on the July agenda.

There was nothing new with the archeological curation of artifacts.

Gary Peters' term on the Parks Commission is up on July 1, 2015. He started part way thru a 7 year term. The Commission wants the Committee on Committees to have Gary appointed for a full 7 year term.

Committee member reports. Don Seep talked about the Department of Transportation (DOT) plans for the Highway 80 project. He attended an informational meeting that DOT held on the Highway 80 project. The DOT wants the entrance of the Rockbridge Store along Highway 80 closed. Don said this would make it difficult for deliveries to the store and that the current driveway into Pier County Park is too close to the bridge. He suggested to DOT that they close the entrance to the Pier County Park and have a frontage road off the entrance to the Rockbridge Store.

Under other business, Mark McCauley reported that the Friends of the Pine improved the Boat Landing at the Pier Co Park. He suggested there be signs installed next to the launch that says "No Camping" and "No Glass". The Parks Commission said to go ahead and put up signs.

The following bills were presented for June; Town & Country Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$178.50; Tammy Cannoy-Bender, \$7.04; Rockbridge Sawmill, \$102.40; WI State Laboratory of Hygiene, \$27.00; Division of Public Health-License, \$175.00; All American Do It Center, \$202.48; Digital Crayon Printshop LLC, \$756.12; Al Halink, \$150.00; Ron Klang, \$450.00; Kinney Brothers, \$450.00; Cody Sorge & Brian Hansen, \$240.00; Reyzek Earth Moving LLC, \$300.00; Richland County Snowmobile Club, \$23,231.72. Motion made by Don Seep to approve the June bills as presented, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on July 6th, 2015. Meeting will begin at 5:30pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

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

Meeting ended at 7:04pm.


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Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair