

Richland County Parks Commission
November 2nd, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The November 2nd, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Charles Parduhn, Larry Jewell, Steve Kohlstedt, Jon & James Golackson, Chris Carley and Cathy Cooper. Duane Klang was absent. Sheriff Jim Bindl arrived later in the meeting. Don Seep was not present.

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

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the October 5th meeting second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Chairman Bob Bellman dropped down to agenda item 9B Boy Scout Final report; James Golackson reported that the 4 fire pits are complete, pictures were passed out for the commission to review. The pits are all cemented in place using most of the bricks that were donated to the parks commission. The bricks that were not used are currently with Dan Pepich, if the Commission does not need or want the bricks Dan will donate them to the Friends of the Pine River. James has everything is done for his Eagle Scout Badge and he is waiting for his board of review.

Back to item #5 Bike Trail. Cathy reported that she has spoken with Sheriff Bindl regarding the dog leash portion of the ordinance, he has been in contact with the complainant and the citizen that is being complained about. He suggest that there be a public notice put in the paper regarding the "Pine River Trail" ordinance rules instead of posting signs at ever road intersection. Cathy also reported that on the first bridge east of Henpeck Ln is missing the railing. Chris Carley reported that the snowmobile alliance will be doing bridge repair work this weekend (11/7 & 8/15) or next. There are 5 more bridges that will need to be replaced in the near future. Chris will work with Cathy in applying for a grant for the bridge replacements.

#11 the snowmobile bridge at Hwy 80 and the Elliott property. Cathy is reporting that Brian Sebranek still has not completed his W-9. Cathy has sent in for a permit from the DNR and they (DNR) has informed Cathy that she needs a better picture of the bridge replacement. Brian did get that information to Cathy and she in turned provided that information to the DNR. Now the DNR needs a simple drawing with a few specific information. Steve Kohlstedt suggest that Cathy should contact Tom Jindrich and he needs to contact Brian Sebranek because as of now the bridge may not get finished for this season.

#6 Outdoor Recreation Plan; Cathy presented the commission with a copy of the plan and asked for their approval. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to move forward with presenting the plan to the entire County Board for the December meeting. Second made by Gary Peters. Discussion regarding mailing the plan out to the Board before the December County Board meeting. Motion carried.

#7 Southwest Partners; Steve had ask to have this put on the agenda. The city has received a grant and Steve suggested that their plan works right in line with our long range plan. 1. Pine River Trail/Silent Sports; there was a gathering of citizens earlier in October and groups have been formed for kayaking, canoeing, hiking, biking and walking. The city will be applying for various grants in the future. Mallory Bender is the contact for the Southwest Partners. Sheriff Bindl arrived at this point 2. Waterway Littering Ordinance, Steve has talked with Mike Nice (DNR Warden) as he is the enforcement for the lower Wisconsin Riverway. He suggested to ask Mark Cupp to come to a future commission meeting as the Lower Wisconsin Riverway has had a Littering Ordinance since the beginning of the board. There is a sign at the Pier Park regarding littering.

Back to item #5 Bike Trail. Sheriff Bindl reported on the Lone Rock bike trail issues. The department has been writing citations and the District Attorney is taking care of the issues. He suggested again that maybe in the spring to have the ordinance published as a reminder to the public. Chip Parduhn had to leave the meeting at this point. Back to the trail. Sheriff Bindl has been in contact with the parties involved and is assured that the issues will not escalate.

Item #8 Rifle Range; The Sheriff's Department has active cameras at the range and they have been pulling people in for the damages that they do. Citations have been issued and the word is getting out that people will be fined for the littering and the cost is approximately \$180.00 per violation.

Chris Carley asked Sheriff Bindl about the new trail pass law that will be in effect this season. If any snowmobilers cross over county or state roads and they don't have a pass they will be fined.

Item #9 Rockbridge Park; A. Playground Equipment – Gary Peters has gone out to the park to check out how the spring toys are anchored down. He feels that it will be extremely easy to remove, Cathy forgot to contact the people that were interested in the toys for the meeting. She will get in contact with the parties that are interested. C. The fire extinguisher, Cathy has been getting no where with the DNR regarding this, she will contact Kickapoo Fire and request an ABC extinguisher and have it placed at the shelter in the spring of 2016. D. Archeological Update, nothing new to report. E. Closing Date for Park. The commission has decided to keep the park open however, the trash containers have been removed and the electricity may be shut off. F. Fencing between Park and Fred property. Cathy reported that the Fred property has been rented out and the renter will be grazing Bison on the property. A flood gate will need to be installed. Unfortunately who ever mows the park will have to have a smaller mower when mowing the west side of the park as Ms. Fred does not want anyone crossing her property. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the fencing, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

Item #10. Ash Creek Community Forest mapping of trails. The Land Conservation Department will be handling the mapping.

Item #12. Hidden Valley ad. Lon Arbegust stopped in and gave a copy of the ad and a mock up the pages that are dedicated to Richland County. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the \$230.00 cost of the ad, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Bob Bellman just wanted to remind everyone that the ad will not be paid until after the first of the year. Motion carried.

Item #13 Commission member reports. Steve, rifle range, he was out to the range last weekend and he was unable to find the cameras that the Sheriff's Department has placed and that is a good thing. Larry Jewell, nothing new to report. Bob Bellman reported that someone is asking to use the Rockbridge Park next August for a wedding. Bob asked to person to send a letter to him that he can present to the commission. The signage for the wedding would be the responsibility of the party having the wedding. The parks commission will respond to the party in question should we get a letter. Gary Peters has been driving around checking out the parks. Rockbridge Park looks great. The kayak landings are looking good. Cathy reported that Tammy has begun a "Calendar of Events" page on the web site.

The following bills were presented for November. Nature's Way Portable Units, \$507.00; Mike's Mowing, \$467.08; Richland Observer, \$86.26. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the November Bills, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. Steve Kohlstedt also made motion to pay Mike Drake the final 10% for the 2015 mowing of the parks. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday December 7th, 2015. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:10 pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair