

Richland County Parks Commission  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

The December 7<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, Larry Jewell, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Cathy Cooper and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Duane Klang was absent. Don Seep arrived a few minutes later. Chris Carley arrives at 5:45pm.

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 Charles Parduhn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting second made by Charles Parduhn. Motion carried.

Chairman Bob Bellman dropped down to #5 the Bike Trail. Cathy reported that Frank Brey, Town & Country Engineering called to get a pass for driving on the trail as they need to seed a few sites for some of the wetland areas off of the trail yet this fall for the DNR. Cathy also reported that the snowmobile alliance has fixed a few of the bridges on the trail. She reported that we need to have an inventory of all of the bridges on the state trails, she has spoken with Chris Carley for the alliance's assistance on this inventory. Don Seep arrived for the meeting at this point. Chairman Bellman announced that he will be coming back to the bike trail later in the meeting.

#6 The Outdoor Recreation Plan; this plan will be at the County Board Meeting for their approval on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Cathy will then send the plan to the state after it is approved. Chairman Bellman asked the commission members if there were any questions on the plan; He did have one regarding the number of tennis courts at the campus and the Krouskop Park. This question was answered and what is in the plan is correct.

# 8. Rockbridge Park; Cathy reported on the Fire Extinguisher that needs to be placed at the park according to the DNR. She was in contact with Kickapoo Fire Protection and the cost for the extinguisher and a cabinet for it will be \$100.00. The question is where to place it. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to place the extinguisher at the first shelter, second made by Charles Parduhn. Motion carried. The spring toys that need to be removed from the park have 3 different people interested to taking them. The commission put the names in a hat and drew them out with the first one getting first choice. First drawn out was Renee Christianson, her choice is the Rocket, second name drawn is Gary Peters, his choice is the Horse. The third name was Charles Parduhn's daughter and she will get the final toy. These toys will need to be removed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

#9 Snowmobile bridge on the Elliott property; Cathy mailed out the required information needed to SBS Structures via certified mail and County Clerk informed her that all the required information was received. Cathy spoke with Brian and as soon as he is done with his current project he will get our bridge done. Brian is hoping to get bridge done by the end of the year. Chris Carley arrived and Cathy spoke about the information needed for the bridge inventory that needs to be done.

#7 Rifle Range. Steve Kohlstedt reported that he was just out there this morning to clean a few things up. He found some disturbing items that he reported to the Sheriff's department. Steve found paper human targets with red dots at the 50 yard distance. The fortunate thing is that whoever doing the shooting was not a very good shot. Steve mentioned that there are a couple of timbers left and once they are placed they will be shot up by Christmas. He suggest that no other timbers should be placed until the end of March next year. Should anyone complain we just need to let them know we cannot continue replacing the boards at the cost of 4 or 5 hundred dollars every year. Steve suggested to the commission that after the first of the year spend some money to replace the target stands with berms of sand at the 25 foot and 50 foot. The people can set their own target stands in front of the bull dozed berms. Then leave the 100 yard and the 150 yard points right where they are at and do away with the current target holders. Gary Peters reported that he was approached about people using tanzanite in large quantities for the explosive noise. Once a person gets into half pound category it is the equivalent of C-4 explosive. We may need to update the regulations at the rifle range. Steve Kohlstedt will speak with Sheriff Bindl before the January meeting regarding this issue.

#8B Archeological update – as of this date nothing has been heard from Mr. George Christiansen III. Charles Parduhn wanted to discuss the fencing that has been done on the other side of the rock between the Fred property and the park.

Chairman Bellman dropped down to #11 Other Business; Charles Parduhn reported that he had heard the renters of the Fred property are looking at placing cattle first on the property and then bison at a later date. The fence with the floodgate will not hold. Don Seep stated that he, Cathy & Kent have been out to the site and have deemed the fence not complete and to withhold 25% (306.50) from Mr. Beechy's bill with a letter being sent with the payment regarding what needs to be done prior to the final 25% being paid. Motioned by Don Seep to withhold 25% of Mr. Beechy's fencing bill until which time a member(s) can meet with him at the site and demonstrate what it is that we are looking for. Second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Further discussion regarding the floodgate fencing happened. Motion carried.

Cathy excused herself from the meeting.

At this point Chairman Bellman went back to item #4 Public Input. Nothing at this time from the public.

#10 Commission member reports. Don Seep reported that he had spoken with Sonja Klang regarding Duane's Health. Don had another issue that he wanted to discuss at this point. He is looking at what it would take to have an elevated foot bridge that would connect the higher elevations of the park around to the wetland area of the park and have the bridge large enough for a mower. There are a variety of things that will need to be done prior to having this bridge done. Permits will need to be done and surveying of what he is proposing. Much further discussion will need to be done on this idea.

Back to #11 Other Business; Bob Bellman reported that he has done some investigating on the use of motorized vehicles (ATV's) on the Pine River Bike Trail. He spoke with a lady from Cumberland. After further discussion regarding Don's findings of this issue needs to be left to the person/persons requesting the use of ATV's on the trail. This issue was brought to the commission in September of 2014 and as of today there has been nothing brought back to the commission showing what was requested of them. It is the general consensus of the commission is to not have motorized vehicles on the trail. Once motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails most of the bikers, hikers and walking people don't use the trail.

Steve Kohlstedt excused himself from the meeting.

Back to item #8A Playground Equipment. Gary Peters reported that he will bring pictures of what Menard's has available for playground equipment that could be placed at the park at the January meeting.

The following bills were presented for December. Nature's Way Portable Units, \$234.00; Elmer Beechy, \$919.50 with \$306.50 being held for correction of fencing; All American Do it Center, \$1,344.53; Rent a Flash, \$1,424.57; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$1,791.74. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the December Bills as presented and modified, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Bob reminded that Cathy will get in contact with Sonja Klang.

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

Meeting ended at 6:35 pm.

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