

Richland County Parks Commission
March 7th, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The March 7th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Larry Jewell, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters, Duane Klang, Charles Parduhn, Don Seep, Dale Bender, Becky Dahl, and Cathy Cooper.

The agenda was e-mailed & mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Gary Peters moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Motion made by Charles Parduhn to approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2016 meeting second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Item 9. Southwest Partner Grant update; Dale Bender drew a map of what the city is looking at doing for trails and canoe/kayak landings. Also looking at trails and landings thru the county, parking area on the state property. Dale also informed the commission that the SW Partners would be interested in working with the County as a community partner for any grants that they may also apply for. In the future this may be something that all (City, County & SW Partners) can work together on for grants. Dale has been in contact with the state DOT regarding some of the bridges between Richland Center and Hillsboro that could have bike lanes designate on the Bridge for bike trails. The DOT representative that Dale spoke with suggested that the County have a planned and existing Bike Trail priority list so that when any highway projects are done then the Bike route can be included. There are a variety of Grants that can be applied for. Motion was made by Gary Peters to have Steve, Cathy and Dale with the Southwest Partners to develop a grant and present it to the commission at the April meeting, second made by Charles Parduhn. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman asked Dale about the Knowles Nelson grant status, Dale will let the commission know in August.

More discussion regarding walking trails at the fairgrounds.

#5. Bike trail ownership from Foundry Drive to County Hwy O. The County owns part of the bike trail that the city is looking at black topping the trail to County Hwy O. This property committee will need to present a resolution to the County Board to deed the portion in question over to the City. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to present this to the property committee to quick claim deed the portion of trail in question, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Item #6. Rifle Range; it is a mess, the boards are all shot up and there are no target boards left. It has been suggested for some more publicity regarding the range, if you shoot pick up your mess. When the ground had completely thawed we need to pull the standards out completely. The security camera that was placed at the range has been pulled, the commission would like to have it replaced.

Item #7; Rockbridge park; Gary reported that all of the spring toys have been removed, not sure who has taken them but there is no evidence of the toys. The spring Teeter-totter however is still there, not sure who took the toys. Gary and Chip will get together to review the catalog and report back to the commission at the next meeting. Bob drafted a letter to George Christiansen regarding the archeological dig. Going on 2 years since the dig was done and we have not received any of the artifacts nor a bill for the curation of the artifacts.

Item #8 Snowmobile; Land Owner Liability Insurance, Cathy gave the information to Victor and he took care of it. Chris Carley had spoken with Cathy regarding a new trail application for the Ithaca to Bear Valley. The maintenance grant is due by April 15th. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to move forward with the grant application request for maintenance and the new trail development and acceptance of both, second made by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Cathy also reported that Chris Carley will be talking with all of the trail bosses regarding the bridge inventory on the trails.

Item #10, commission member reports. Chip reported that he and his son went down along the trail and cleaned up all of the down trees on the trail and kept the wood. The Mike Drake lawn mowing contract will be on the April agenda for renewal.

James Golackson will be receiving his Eagle Scott Badge on April 16th and the commission is invited. The reception will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St John's Lutheran Church.

The following bills were presented for March; Fastenal, \$31.59. Motion made by Larry Jewell to pay the March Bills as presented, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday April 4th, 2016. (Larry will be in Eau Claire) Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

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

Meeting ended at 6:46 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bellman". To the right of the signature, there are initials "RB" written in a similar cursive style.

Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair