

Richland County Parks Commission  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

The August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting was called to order by Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, Bob Bellman, Gary Peters, Charles "Chip" Parduhn, Larry Jewell, Steve Kohlstedt, and Tammy Cannoy-Bender. Duane Klang & Kerry Severson were both absent.

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

Motion made by Chip Parduhn to approve the minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Public Input: If someone comes in they can talk, otherwise there was none.

#5 Bike Trail; There was a 6K run/walk over the weekend on the trail from Wal-Mart to town that was well attended. This was a fund raiser costing the participants \$25.00 each. It was named Stompin' the Trail" or something like that. The trail was mowed as of this meeting by Don Wanless.

#6 Rifle Range; Steve has been out to the range recently and things look good. There are always someone shooting at the range throughout the day. The Sheriff's department has been patrolling past the range during the evening hours. People that have been using the range have also been cleaning up after themselves. There are a lot of people that are not residents of Richland County that use the range because it is free.

#7 Rockbridge Park;

A. Playground Equipment; Tammy reviewed the notes that Cathy had left. Bob stated that at the July meeting he thought the commission had given Cathy permission to spend up to \$4,000.00. The cost of the comet II with installation and wood fibers is \$6,518.00, so she spoke with Bob before the meeting and this is being brought back to the commission to review. Discussion followed about the playground, a sandbox was mentioned. Chip asked about the other spring toys that had been looked at Bob thought they were about \$1,000 apiece. Steve spoke up mentioning that as far as he could tell most of the installation was concrete and he suggested to talking with some of the local concrete installers to find if they would be willing to install the toys, Chip then mentioned getting the Boy Scouts involved also with this project. Bob stated that the actual cost of the Comet II is about \$1,500.00. and Steve said that as he could tell by the specs that were provided that there was about 3 or 4 hundred dollars' worth of concrete and another 5 or 6 hundred dollars' worth for labor and then the sand or bark. Steve feels that the project would be under \$4,000 after purchasing the toy. Steve then mentioned that the commission should check into what it would cost for the spring toys and the comet II toy to be installed with the concrete needed for all of them. Having the toys set in a different location using new concrete to reset the toys. The commission would like to see a service organization involved with the installation. Having the toys shipped to the conservation office and having the toys stored with Bob Bellman Motion made by Chip Parduhn to purchase the Comet II, and three spring toys (truck, duck & horse) rock n' ride and updating the swing set up to \$4,000.00, Gary Peters second the motion. Motion carried. Bob asked that Cathy order the toys and have them shipped to the conservation office; if there is a storage issue Bob will take on the storage of the toys. Once the toys are ordered then the commission will work on the safety issues around all of the toys and the swings. Discussion of who could do the concrete work. Bob suggested that the Commission members do some recruiting regarding the concrete and installation. Once the toys are here then we can advertise for people to install the toys with the specifications located at the conservation office for review before bidding installation price.

B. Beechy 25% held back from the installation of the breakaway fence. Since the fencing was installed the original plans of bison on the Field Fred property has since changed to nothing happening, therefore Mr. Beechy (Fence Installer) has not been back. The commission decided to hold this until the December meeting to have this issue closed out and put the 25% back into the 2016 budget.

#8. Snowmobile Alliance; the grant meeting is in Wausau on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Cathy was asking if any of the commission members would be attending the meeting with her. She will be driving herself and would meet any of the commission members in the I39 area to go to the meeting, then after the meeting she could drop any one off around the I39 area and then she will be going directly on to a personal function in Milwaukee. The Hwy 80 snowmobile bridge was brought up and Bob said that they will be talking about this shortly. Bob has family in the Wausau area and he might go to the meeting but he is not sure yet.

#9 Southwest Partners grants; there are 2 different grants, one of which is the County's and the other is with the City. Steve reminded the commission that the grant in question is actually the County Parks Commission grant request and Cathy will be the one to get the information as to whether or not the grant is awarded.

#10 Commission member reports; Bob started with the Elliott property Snowmobile Bridge. Brian Sebranek was the winning bid for the bridge last year, there have been issues since he was awarded the bid. First he wanted a contract, Corporation Counsel informed him that the awarding of the bid was the contract, then he wanted half down before he started. A letter was sent to Mr. Sebranek with a deadline date of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Brian received the letter and replied that he would not be able to get the bridge done by this date so an extension to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was made. Mr. Sebranek replied back that the property owner would not allow him on the property after August 30<sup>th</sup> because of hunting. Tammy made a call to one of the land owners (Pat Elliott) and he said that there would be no problem with builder of the bridge on the property after August 30<sup>th</sup>, to get the bridge completed. Tammy left Brian a voice mail that there was no problem with being on the property and that he had until September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to get the bridge done. As of this meeting nothing has been heard from Mr. Sebranek. Steve suggested to send another letter to Mr. Sebranek stating the following: request the signed amended extension contract with the completion date of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (Tammy looked back to last letter sent and it has the 21<sup>st</sup> noted), should the bridge not be completed by this date Mr. Sebranek will not receive any additional consideration by Richland County. Richland County will not recommend SBS Structures to any of the neighboring counties for work. Larry Jewell at this point brought up that there are a couple of bridge on the trail that the quality of work is in question. These bridges were completed approximately 5 years ago. Some of the beams are bowing and need to be fixed. Larry Fowler did the inspection of the bridges when they were completed and approved them. Kerry Severson was not at the meeting for any further update. This concern will be on the next agenda for further discussion. Steve also suggested inviting Larry Fowler to the next meeting to communicate the concerns and what needs to be done. Gary Peters reported that Rachel Kerian will be assisting him with the GPS points at the Ash Creek Community Forest, he will also be reporting this to the Land Conservation Committee on Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The following bills were presented for August; Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$309.00; Sharon Miller, \$112.00; Wanless Bulldozing, \$600.00; Cathy Cooper, \$22.44. Steve asked if there had been a bill yet for the planks at the rifle range, currently we have not received a bill. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the August Bills as presented, second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to adjourn the meeting, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:25 pm.



Bob Bellman  
Parks Commission Chair