Richland County Parks Commission September 12th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The September 12th, 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, Kerry Severson, Duane Klang, Dale Bender, Gail Snowden, Chris Carley and Cathy Cooper.

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

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the August 1st, 2016 meeting second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input: Gail Snowden appeared with a complaint of people trespassing form the Orion Boat landing. She land two Kayaks and a canoe stolen from her property and later the lock on the shed was broken and more was stolen from her property. She would like a private property sign placed and/or a chain across the worn pass onto the private property. Steve suggested maybe Gail placing a trail camera. This issue will be placed on the October agenda for action by the commission.

#5 Bike Trail; A. Grading of the trail, From Sawmill Rd to Gotham. Kerry Severson suggested at this point to getting the brush sprayed this fall and again in the spring to try and get on top of the weeds and then getting the trail graveled. Cathy will contact Don Wanless regarding what he needs to be done. The commission will meet again on Monday September 19th, at 1:00pm to meet at the snowmobile shed on Sawmill Rd. and inspect the shape of the trail and the bridges. Dale Bender informed the commission that there will be a round of grants May 1st, 2017 that will cover at least 50% of the maintenance to get the trail rehabilitated. Cathy suggested that this may be something to approach Southwest Badger RC&D for assistance in writing a grant. The transfer of portion of the trail to the city has not happened as of yet. Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick has not completed the transfer paper work as of yet. This was approved by The County Board back in June. Bob Bellman will contact Mr. Southwick.

#6 Rifle Range; Steve reported that the last time he was at the range things looks good. People are picking up after themselves and actually replacing board when they need to be replaced. Steve has noticed a 300 yard marker has been placed and people of have been shooting at it. This means that they are shooting on to private property. Steve will try to get out to the range to remove this 300 yard marker.

#7 Rockbridge Park; A. Playground equipment; the cost of the equipment that was approved from last moths meeting will cost more than what was originally approved. Cathy is bringing this back to the commission for their decision on what they want her to order. It was agreed upon the order the duck and horse spring toys and the comet toy. The color choice is tan & green. Currently the park is closed until further notice. Mike Drake contacted the office to have the park pumped before he cleans the restrooms. Cathy will contact Ron Fogo to have both Rockbridge & Viola parks pumped. B. Pine River Paddle & Tube was next on the agenda. There have been a lot of complaints regarding the recent actions of Mark McCauley claiming that it is his spot. Cathy received an email regarding the issues and attached Act 346, this act doesn't really cover fisherman vs kayaking. Camping is allowed anywhere within the park. Dale Bender spoke about the camping within the landing spoke for the kayaks. This discussion will continue at the October meeting. Cathy will get in touch with the people that have emailed with the complaints to find out exactly where was their campsite was at. Dale Bender reported that he is asking to have sponsorship of the landing for the Kayaks. He is asking for partnership with the County & Southwest Partners for fund raisers in the future. This will be on the October agenda for the partnership.

#8 Snowmobile Alliance A. Bridge on the Elliott Property on Highway. The bridge was to be started and completed by the 21st but, the rains came in. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to extend the deadline to October 1st, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. This is for flexibility for Cathy if needed. B. Bridges on the trail will be inspected on the 19th of September. C. Grant update-weight on the bridges will go from 14,000 lb. weight limit to 24,000 lb. The bridges were funded, the Ithaca to Bear Valley Trail was not funded. We will continue to apply for this grant again. D. Clarification of club groomer insurance. Chris Carley is working on this. The liability Insurance used to be paid for by the County, when the County changed Insurance the new company no longer will cover the groomer insurance. The liability insurance will be determined.

#9 Kids Don't Float; Mark Cupp is asking to place Kiosks with life jackets for kids to use at the Orion and Port Andrews Boat landings. The highway committee has pledged \$250. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pledge \$500.00 (\$250 for each) second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Steve suggest the kiosk at the Orion Landing be placed at the property line where the trail is at that goes onto private property.

Page 2 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes 9/12/2016

#10 2017 budget; A. Hidden Valley ad approval for the 2017 publications, cost is \$230 for the ad. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the ad with changes, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. The 2017 budget was reviewed by the commission, motion made by Gary Peters to approve the 2017 budget as it was presented by Cathy, \$40,003.00 second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Cathy will present this budget to the Finance Committee on September 23rd.

#11 Commission Member reports. There were none.

The following bills were presented for September; Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$238.00 Sharon Miller, \$50.00; Village of Cazenovia, \$375.00; Town of Buena Vista, \$374.00; Gillingham Park, \$375.00; Richland Center City Park, \$6,000.00; Village of Boaz, \$375.00; Village of Viola, \$375.00; Cathy Cooper, \$158.10; SBS Structures. \$31.080.00. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to pay the September Bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Reminder to NOT send the payment to SBS Structures until after the structure is approved.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 3rd, 2016. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center. Kerry Serverson will not be at this meeting.

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

Meeting ended at 7:43 pm.

Bob Bellman

Parks Commission Chair