

Richland County Parks Commission
November 7th, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The November 7th, 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, Duane Klang, Steve Kohlstedt, Kerry Severson and Cathy Cooper.

The amended 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 Duane Klang to approve the minutes of the October 3rd & 10th, 2016 meeting second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

Public input will be held until the end of the meeting.

#5 Bike Trail – A. Flood repair. Cathy had sent Don Wanless down the trail to repair the area that had a hole in the trail, when Don got to the site he noticed that it had already been done. Eric Siemandel had made the repair to the area. Kerry has driven down the trail and it seems to be in good shape with the exception of one area. Simpson Tractor will donate the use of a tractor to make the need repairs. The commission felt that it would be a good idea to take Simpson Tractor up on their offer. Steve Kohlstedt reiterated that the repairs to the trail need to be reported to Emergency Government as it is part of the flood damage, Cathy will contact Eric regarding a bill for the cost of the repairs to the trail and bridge. Kerry also reported bridge #6 still has a hole at the approach that is about a foot wide. It was suggested that a few 5 gallon pails to fill the hole for now and work on it in the spring. The bridge on the trail near Henpeck will need to be marked for the winter season as the culvert area is starting to ingress into the trail. Next year this area will need to be replaced next summer. Kerry reported that there is a dead deer near the trail across from the wayside between Gotham and Lone Rock. Approximately ½ mile east of Gotham. Steve suggested a bag of limestone poured of the carcass to mask the smell. Kerry would like to have someone pick up the road kill, Bob Bellman asked Cathy to check with Jim Chitwood, Highway Department Commissioner, who picks up dead deer off the roads. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to go with the person who can help us get the carcass taken care of, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

#6 Rifle Range – Steve Kohlstedt said the Surveillance cameras are in place (3 cameras), the signs are up notifying people that the cameras are in place and motion activated. Steve would like to have thank you letters sent to the Sheriff's Department, Pine River Sportsmen's Club and 4H shooting sports groups. These are the groups that have really been pushing the proper use of the range. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to send thank you letters to these groups (Steve offered to draft a letter), second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Kerry suggested hanging metal targets be placed in the future, after much discussion this will be put on the agenda for next month.

#7 Rockbridge Park – A. Playground equipment. The equipment is here and being stored at the conservation building at the fairgrounds. Gary Peters reported that he has located 4 of the picnic tables from the park, 3 are in good shape, one is imbedded in a bank and he is not sure if he will be able to get it out. The dumpster is full submerged in the river and will be difficult to retrieve it. The question is, are we liable for the dumpster or does Town and Country Sanitation cover the loss. This has to be removed from the river. Bob suggested that Cathy talk with Jim Chitwood if the highway department has the equipment (crane) that would be needed to lift the dumpster out of the river. Gary reported that the picnic tables need to be moved back in place, he just needs help getting them moved. Also ask Jim about assistance in moving the tables. B – Pine Rive Paddle & Tube LLC, nothing new to report. C – Final 10% paid to Mike Drake for mowing season. Motioned by Steve Kohlstedt to move ahead and pay him the final 10%, second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried. Chip has spoken with Mr. Kauffman regarding the tree removal between his property and the Park. Mr. Kauffman has found the property line markers and that he would remove the brush and then contact someone about removing the stumps. Chip suggested that the Parks Commission would possibly go a 50/50 cost share with the stump removal. Mr. Kauffman will contact the Parks Commission when he has a dollar amount for the stump removal. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to cost share 50/50 with Mr. Kaufman on the stump removal, second make by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. Bob asked Chip to let Mr. Kauffman know about the Commission's approval of the 50/50 cost share.

#8 Snowmobile Alliance - A. Bid Opening for the riprapping at the bridge on the Elliott property. – 1. Bill VanderMolen bid \$4,410.00 2. Wanless Construction bid \$4,935.00 3. Gary Manning bid \$6,726.00. Cathy informed the commission that there is still \$3,800 available in the grant received for the bridge. Not sure as to where the balance of the bid will come out of, either the snowmobile alliance annual grant or from the Parks commission. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to award the bid of \$4,410 to Bill VanderMolen, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Cathy will notify Bill on Tuesday morning that he won the bid. The Parks commission will need to cover the \$610.00 that is over the amount of money still available in the grant for the bridge itself. – B. Bridges on the trail that are in need of repair along the trail. The bridge behind Doudna School is in need of some repair. According what Kerry Severson was told, after the flooding this fall the bridge appears to be unsafe and not stable.

Steve informed the commission that the bridge in question was engineered bridge (cost of \$126000) with rock riprap on both sides of the bridge and piling throughout the bridge. This bridge was placed by Kramer's. If what Kerry was told is true this needs to be reported to Darren at Emergency Management as flood damage. – C. Clarification of groomer insurance. Kerry reported that the groomer is insurance by Schwarz and Shey Insurance out of Janesville, WI. The building, equipment (3 groomers) and liability are covered.

#9 Commission Members Reports.

Before the bills were passed out the bill Cathy reported to the commission that we had received a bill from the Driftless Area Surveying that Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick had hired to survey the area of the railroad that was deeded over to the City for the bike trail. All of this information had already been done and recorded with the Register of Deeds, the Parks Commission did not authorized this. Corporation Counsel solely requested this to be done, therefore the Parks Commission is refusing to pay this bill.

The following bills were presented for November; Town & County Sanitation, \$368.17; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$392.00; Miller & Associates – Sauk Prairie Inc., \$3,643.00; Mike Drake, \$1,275.00; Cathy Cooper, \$6.45; Sharon Miller, \$66.00; ~~Driftless Area surveying, \$368.00;~~ Kevin Burkhamer, \$1,200.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$481.00; All American Do it Center, \$453.17; Motion made by Larry Jewell to pay the November Bills less the Driftless Area Surveying, second made by Duane Klang. Discussion after, Kerry Serverson would like copies of the Snowmobile Alliance bills, Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday December 5th at 5:30 pm. The meeting will need to be done by 7:00 pm/

Motion made by Chip Parduha to adjourn the meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:41 pm.



Bob Bellman
Parks Commission Chair