

Richland County Parks Commission
February 6th, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The February 6th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Gary Peters, Charles "Chip" Parduhn. Duane Klang, Steve Kohlstedt and Cathy Cooper. Larry Jewell and Kerry Severson, were absent.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the January meeting second made by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried.

There was no public input at this point in the meeting.

Bike Trail; Cathy reported, she has most of the information for the FEMA report that she will be sending out on Tuesday. The Parks may be getting some money from the flooding. She did receive information from Eric Siemandel on the bridge that he repaired. Permanent Signage was discussed with Royce Dieter and Eric Siemandel and their concern is with vandalism and mowing around the signs. Steve Kohlstedt asked about the signs as he was not at the January meeting; the signs that would be permanent directional and informational and blazer signs on metal post. Kerry will be at the March meeting and he should have more information regarding the signage. The commission asked Cathy about the FEMA grant and how much money was requested. Cathy gave the commission a rough estimate of less than \$10,000.

Rifle Range; Steve reported that he gotten one wood pile off. He reported that we are in need of half dozen additional boards to get us into spring. He spoke with Sheriff Bindl regarding the surveillance cameras and he stated that they haven't seen anything out of the ordinary. The people using the range are picking up their garbage and putting on the table as there are no garbage containers. Steve has been taking it to the dump, the branch is still on the building. Regarding the selling of the rifle range that was in the January minutes, Steve spoke with Sheriff Bindl about the selling of the range, his biggest concern is where the officers will go to get certified that will not cost them any money. Steve's major concern with selling the site is how much contamination is in the first foot of soil because once the ground is disturbed it will become hazardous material because of all the lead that is in the soil from the years of shooting. If the County Board seriously wants to sell the range, it may cost more in cleaning it up beforehand than what it is worth.

Viola Park. The fencing at the park has not been done yet as the weather has not been cooperating. Bob Bellman let the commission know that the cost to the commission will be approximately \$200. The abutting neighbor (Jamie Havlik) of the park will be doing the fencing between the Park and his property with half the cost of the material be billed to the Parks Commission.

Rockbridge Park; Gary Peters had brought up a possible sign for the boy scouts troop number recognizing all of their contributions. Gary is looking for guidance from the commission as to what they would like done. Bob suggested getting some proposals and bringing them back to the Commission for their approval. Discussion followed about the size of the sign to incorporate room for future recognition. Steve suggested the range of \$200 to \$300 range. Chip brought the new building on the neighboring property to the commission's attention, the building has been placed on fill that will drain the water away from it and into the store and the park. He did get a building permit for the garage but we do not know if he got a permit for bringing fill in into the floodplain. He needs to speak with the county Zoning administrator first and then with the DNR. The garage and the fill is already in place. Cathy still needs to contact Highway Commissioner Jim Chitwood regarding the assembly and installation of the new playground equipment.

Contracts for 2017 season are at the 2016 rate "no increases", Nature's Way Portable Units, Mike Drake "Drake Mowing" and Ron Fogo, DBA "Boaz & RC Septic Service", motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve all three contracts, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried. Still waiting for Town & Country Sanitation contract.

Snowmobile Alliance. Cathy reported on the "SNARS" program that she attended last Thursday evening. We will need copies of checks from the clerk's office for proof of payment to send on to the state for reimbursement. The grooming & non-grooming hours are something that needs to be taken care of. Cathy needs to talk with Victor Vlasak, County Clerk about the SNARS process and where he will be in the process. Kerry Severson currently gets a copy of all the bills for the snowmobile alliance and is requesting to be an administrator on the SNARS program. The commission discussed this and will address it again at the March meeting. Duane reported that the trails were groomed in the Northern part of the county. At this point Cathy had forgotten to let the Commission know that the section of trail the Chris Carley is responsible for reportedly has not been signed or opened. This is approximately 4 miles that could lose funding in the future. Kerry will need to give a report at the March meeting regarding the status of this part of the trail.

Commission member reports. Bob Bellman asked the Commission members if they would reimburse him for mileage if he would take the artifacts from the Rockbridge dig to LaCrosse for safe keeping. The artifacts are currently in the vault at the Courthouse. Motioned by Steve Kohlstedt to pay for Bob's mileage, second by Chip Parduhn. Motion carried with Bob Bellman abstaining. Bob also reported that there is a meeting at the Richland Center Community/Senior Center tonight. SW Partners will be having a presentation. Gary Peters reported that they (SW Partners) started clean up on the Pine River around Bohman Dr. Gary will be attending the Hidden Valley meeting next week.

Other Business; Cathy reminded the commission of the 17-18 resolution that will be on the March agenda for action. Essential vs. Non-Essential services. Gary reported that there was an issue brought up at the zoning meeting and thought it should be mentioned at this meeting as well; there are Campers at Bunker Hill that are being used as residences. The Parks Commission has no responsibility for this issue. The owner of the Bunker Hill property would have to have a camp site permit from the state.

The following bills were presented for February. Richland County Zoning, \$30.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$39.99; Walsh's Ace Hardware. \$24.99. Motion made by Chip Parduhn to pay the February Bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday March 6th, 2017. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

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

Meeting ended at 6:37 pm.

Bob Bellman tcb

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Parks Commission Chair