

Richland County Parks Commission  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

The August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, Bob Bellman, Duane Klang, Kerry Severson, Larry Jewell, Eric Siemandel, Kevin Jasper, Kerry Gies, Royce Dieter and Cathy Cooper. John Collins was late. Steve Kohlstedt was absent.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as sent out, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman asked everyone to introduce themselves.

#5. Bike Trail: A. Amending Ordinance 96-22; Kerry Severson went over the items that he would like to see changed with the ordinance. He will contact Corporation Counsel, Ben Southwick with the changes and present back to the Commission in September. Cathy noted that there are 2 different ordinances that need to be combined into one. Discussion of the use of ATV's and UTV's on the trail followed. B. Inspection of the trail –flood damage; Cathy has been in contact with the Highway Commission regarding Henpeck Lane, the culvert doesn't need to be replaced, it can be fixed and use fill around it, better and cheaper than replacing the culvert, she also asked about placing screenings at Henpeck; he also mentioned about the bridge that needs some work done on it. Motion made by Kerry Severson to have the Highway Department make the repairs to the culvert, add screenings to the section of the trail at Henpeck Ln and repair the bridge near Henpeck Ln second made by Gary Peters. More discussion followed. Kerry then made a motion to amend the previous motion to have the Highway Department to just repair the culvert and add screening at Henpeck Ln. Second by Gary Peters, Motion carried. The commission voted on the amended motion. Motion made by Gary Peters to have the snowmobile alliance do the work to the bridges and run the bills through the snowmobile alliance grant, Second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. More discussion followed regarding the bridges on the trail. C. Bridge contract; the grant has been approved by the state for the decking and railings on the 5 bridges and the snowmobile alliance will be doing the work. Cathy reported that she received a call from Travis Anderson, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to receive a permit to use the trail for small vehicles while they are doing an evasive species study. Cathy will issue a permit for use between August 8<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

6. Viola Park; A. flood damages; no damages to report.

7. Port Andrews Boat landing; there are pot holes in the black top; Bill Condon, Richland County Highway Department said that there is a simple solution to make the repair. 2 Hours with a backhoe and \$400.00 to fill in the holes. Motion made by Gary Peters to fix the pot holes at the Port Andrew boat landing, second made by Duane Klang, discussion to limit the cost to the \$400 that was originally quoted to Cathy. Motion carried.

8. Rockbridge Park; A/C. Maintenance/Flood Damage – the front side of the park is still wet, will need to control the weeds in the wet area with a weed-wacker. The toilets have been bleached and the pits have been pumped; the toys are good and the picnic tables have been recovered, they still need to be placed back to the park. We need to figure out a way to secure the tables better. Also need to talk with Town & County Sanitation regarding securing the dumpsters. The electrical box near the well needs to be sealed with caulk. The well should be tested again. B. Camping Fees- this will be on the next agenda for further review.

9. Snowmobile Alliance- there will be a trail bosses meeting later this month. The trails need to be reviewed for any flood damage, Cathy also wanted to remind them to start entering all maintenance done to the trails into the SNARS program for the 2017-18 grant. The majority of the trails have been GPS'd. The 2017-18 grant has been approved but the advancement won't be paid until the state budget has been signed.

10. Commission member reports; Kerry has spoken with Dale Bender regarding new ADA approved launches that would fit at Rockbridge Park, this is something that is still in the works and will be brought back to the commission when the time comes. Gary reported that the military groups would like to have another landing placed at the flag park. The flag park landing is actual a non-profit piece of land is not owned by the American Legion. The Rifle Range is looking good, John & Kerry have cut the limb off that was hanging over the shelter. The people using the range have been cleaning up after they are done. Kerry has to do some more investigating, there is a 20 acre parcel of woods that is owned by Pine Valley that he would like to possibly have it set as a multiple use area and be over seen by the Parks Commission.

11. Other business – nothing.

The following bills were presented for August; Town & Country Sanitation, \$386.58; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$309.00; Don Wanless, \$700.00; Mike Drake, \$976.40; Premier Cooperative, \$337.88; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$39.98 and Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$11.94. Motion made by Larry Jewell to pay the August bills as presented, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm at the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bob Bellman** <sup>tcb</sup>

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Parks Commission Chairman