

Richland County Parks Commission
September 11th, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The September 11th, 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, John Collins, Steve Kohlstedt, Pat Werner, Kerry Gies, Dale Bender, Kevin Jasper, Ben Southwick, Eric Siemandel, Jim Kauffman and Cathy Cooper. Larry Jewell was late and left early.

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

Motion made by Gary Peters to approve the minutes of the August 7th meeting as sent out, second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

2018 Budget was reviewed and set, motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the proposed budget and present it to the finance & personnel committee. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

6.. Bike Trail: C. ATV use on the trail; Pat Werner presented the commission with a letter that had been sent to Senator Howard Marklein in August of 2016 from John Alley, Director of Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, Railroads Harbor (this letter is attached to the master minutes); Mr. Werner's interpretation of this letter is that he feels that ATV's & UTV's could be allowed. Chairman Bellman stated that the commission will look into this subject and have it on a future agenda after the commission has had a chance to investigate. A. Ordinance 96-22 amendment. Cathy passed out copies of the original ordinance with the changes marked from the 2 previous amendment. The commission went over it with Ben Southwick. There were several suggested changes made. Ben will make the changes and bring it back to the Parks Commission.

8. Rockbridge Park; A. Donation - Dale Bender was approached by the Joan Orton McCollum estate; the estate is offering to pay for the improvements at the park that were part of the grant that had been applied for with Southwest Partners. This group would cover \$35,000 this year for some of the improvements at Rockbridge this year (2017) and then an additional \$30,000 May 1, 2018. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to accept the gift for the Joan Orton McCollum estate and give permission to Southwest Partners to do the project this year and next year with the County supervision as long as there is no cost to the County. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

5. Hidden Valley update. Nothing new to report.

6B. purchasing of screening; Cathy went through the length of trail between each bridge for the screenings that would be needed. D. Rolling of the trail; Cathy was directed by the Commission to find out how much it would cost for both the screenings and then the rolling of the trail.

7. Viola Park; the park is in good shape.

8 B. Camping Fees; after discussing the fees motion was made by Duane Klang to increase the camping fee to \$10.00 a night with Sharon at the Rockbridge Store keeping \$6.00 per camp site and the Parks Commission retaining balance of the permit fee. Second made by John Collins. Motion carried. C. Complaint of blocking the entrance to the back side of the rock; discussion followed, the area of concern is actually owned by Richland County Highway, it was suggest to having the entrance to the back side of the rock changed. Motion made by Kerry Severson to send a letter regarding the blocking of the entrance, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. This will stay on the agenda.

9. Rifle Range; Mike Drake put the standard back up when he mowed.

10. Snowmobile Alliance; a. Bridge re-decking; Cathy reported that the materials have been ordered. Eric Siemandel will contact Cathy when the work will be done so that the trail can be closed. It will be back on the next agenda.

11. Commission Member reports. Bob Bellman discussed an article in the Voice about the Pine River kayak/canoe use with the commission members.

12. Other Business; the Restrooms at the Rockbridge park were discussed.

The following bills were presented for September; Town & Country Sanitation, \$386.58; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$388.50; Sharon Miller, \$22.00; Don Wanless, \$700.00; Fastenal Company, \$143.21.. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the September bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 2nd, 2017. Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center.

Motion made by Gary Peters to adjourn the meeting, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Bellman^{cac}

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Parks Commission Chairman