

Richland County Parks Commission  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Meeting Minutes

The November 6<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, John Collins, Steve Kohlstedt, Larry Jewell, Royce Dieter, Eric Siemandel, Marilyn Rinehart, Ben Southwick and Cathy Cooper.

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 Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the amendment of Larry Jewell arrived late for the meeting, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Chairman Bellman dropped down to item 8A on the agenda. Eric Siemandel reported that the bridge re-decking is complete on the 5 bridges. Due to weather there is some rutting on the trail that will need to be repaired. After discussion of what to do with the old ties that that were replaced a motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to place an ad in the paper for the old ties, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. Eric presented the commission with a sign that he would like to have placed in Lone Rock that his club maintains that part of the trail in the winter; due to the wording on the sign there were issues as the sign actually states that their club sponsors the trail, this is incorrect. The sign needs to read the trail is maintained by Richland County Snowmobile Alliance, with the club's name as the maintenance group for that part of the trail. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve trail signs as "Trail sponsored by Richland County Snowmobile Alliance and maintained by "club name" on the next line. Second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Cathy reported that a sign needs to be placed at the end of Henpeck Ln. stating that you are now entering the Bike Trail and no unauthorized vehicles aloud beyond this point. Eric Siemandel and Royce Dieter would like to go forward with public hearings for using ATV/UTVs on the trail between Sawmill Rd and the Village of Gotham. There are a variety of steps that need to be done. The Parks Commission will sponsor a public hearing to be held at either in a meeting room at the campus or at the County board room starting at 7pm and closing at 9pm. The meeting would be run by the board with a mediator. Motion made by Kerry Severson to move forward with the public hearing for the use of ATV/UTVs on the bike trail. Second made by Larry Jewell. Motion carried. The board will get the public hearing tentatively set for Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with a starting time of 7pm and ending at 9pm. Location of the meeting suggested are the Pippin Center, the Wallace Center or the Copper Top Theatre. Cathy will set up a time with Ron Fruit "WRCO" radio to get the meeting date and information to the public. Chairman Bob Bellman will investigate to room availability at the Campus and let Cathy know what he has found out. There is streambank erosion by the bridge by Doudna School and the bridge under Highway 80 the LC staff will be meeting Royce Dieter to figure out cost at both sites.

Next Chairman Bellman went to item 4A; Repeal/Recreate Ordinance 96-22. Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick presented the new ordinance to the board and reviewed it. After reviewing the proposed ordinance motion made by Gary Peters to send the ordinance to the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 County Board meeting for approval. Second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

4C. Trail needs. Cathy & Gary went of the trail after the last meeting and found that there is between 1 and 2 inches of mud over the screening on the trail. Screening will be needed in one section of the trail where farm equipment crosses. Suggestion to use a box grater over an area of the trail to scrape the mud off to the side of the trail to see if we need more screenings. Cathy will check with the County Highway Department to see if they will work with the Parks Commission on the screening issues

6A; Marilyn Rinehart addressed the Commission regarding future improvements at the Rockbridge "Pier" Park. She is concerned with what is happening at the park and would like to be kept informed. Getting off task for a moment regarding the old snowmobile bridge that was replaced at the Elliott property, Bob Bellman will look at the bridge with Dale Bender to see if it would work for part of the walking path that will be made at the Park. Back on task, what Marilyn was concerned about was the amount of dirt that was moved at the park. The area will be refurbished with native grasses & plants. She suggested that there be a walking path between the 2 rocks by County highway D for that area; an easement from the property owner of the green house or the Store for the walking path to finish the loop around the rock. Money is currently not available through the Parks Commission budget.

5. Viola Park; Steve reported that the park is in good shape

6B. Defacing of Rock; anything that is used to remove graffiti on the rock will damage the rock. Penalties of the defacing of the rock; need to talk with the Sheriff's Department to see if there is already something in the law for graffiti on historical sites.

6C. Camping Fees; In the spring looking at increasing the camping fee per night to \$10.00 for 4 people in the party and \$1.00 for each additional camper; increasing Sharon's rate to \$6.00 per permit and keeping \$4.00 for the County. Cathy will take this to Corporation Counsel, Ben Southwick for the amendment to the Parks ordinance.

7A. Rifle Range new sign; Bob handed out photos of the new sign that he has placed on the inside of the shed at the range. Discussion followed, there are no boards up currently at the range. John Collins reported that the web site needs to be updated with the hours that the range is open he also reported that the web site needs to also have the hunting area taken off the web site. Boards need to be ordered from Rockbridge Saw Mill. Steve will get the boards this week. Need to add a sign requesting donation from users, Steve will make a sign up and then Cathy will go out to check the donation tube. The dumpster will not be removed until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

9. Final 10% of Mike Drake's contract; Motion made by Gary Peters to authorize payment of the final 10% of Mike's contract, second by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

10. Bob mentioned to the commission to keep on the lookout for the rules committee meeting regarding the number of members on other committees.

11. There was no other business.

The following bills were presented for November; Town & Country Sanitation, \$100.00; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$402.00; Buena Vista Township, \$375.00; Boaz & RC Septic Pumping, \$210.00; Sharon Miller, \$14.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$65.97; Richland County Highway Department, \$2,343.71; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$129.99; All American Do It Center, \$22,870.96. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the November bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Meeting will begin at 5:00 pm at the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center.

Motion made by Duane Klang to adjourn the meeting, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bob Bellman tcb*

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Parks Commission Chairman