

Richland County Parks Commission  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

The December 4<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, Amy Bender and Cathy Cooper. Larry Jewell was absent.

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

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

4a. Bike Trail; The new ordinance was handed out and reviewed, Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick is waiting on District Attorney Jennifer Harper regarding prosecution process. Cathy will need to send letters along with the update ordinance out to landowners/farmers along the trail regarding the crossing of the trail. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to forward the ordinance on to the December County Board. Second by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

4b. Bike Trail; ATV use on the trail; Steve Kohlstedt reported that he & Cathy Cooper were on the radio regarding the public hearing coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December, the guidelines and the format of the public hearing

4c. Bike Trail; Potential easement crossing, the Koch property off of Hwy 14 has a parcel of land that will be land locked if sold separately and would like to have an easement to cross the trail. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to table this request until the commission hears from the owner. Second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

5. Viola Park; Steve Kohlstedt went to the park before deer hunting, there was a camper and a few tents, these were there thru the deer hunting season. But as of today the camper trailer is gone. The park is in good shape. Amy Bender made comment regarding the Park and asked if there was a donation box available at the park. Not at this site as it would be cost probative.

6a. Rockbridge Park, defacing of rock. Gary Peters is looking for ways to keep it in check. Bob Bellman suggested a trial cam and more frequent stops by the police. We need to find out what the fine is. Motion made by Gary Peters to put an article in the paper regarding the fines when caught defacing public property, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

7. Rifle Range; Steve Kohlstedt and Bob Bellman put up new timbers before deer season as the timbers were all shot up and they cleaned a few things up. Steve was at the range after rifle hunting season was over and things were looking ok. The new signs are up and it seems that the users are cleaning up after themselves, at this point Gary asked to go back to Rockbridge Park 6a; he reported that the excavated area looks real good, John also added that he did a little repair to the bridge on the back side of the rock.

Back to the Rifle Range, the office received a fire call bill for the range for a grass fire. John Collins motioned to table this bill until the January meeting, second made by Gary Peters. Steve feels that we are obligated to pay the bill. We need to know where the 2017 budget stands. Motion carried.

8. Snowmobile Alliance; Kerry Severson reported that sections of the trail are getting ready for the upcoming season. The alliance would like a detailed report of the grant (itemized of what is being spent out of the grant). He was asked at the alliance meeting who paid for the culvert that was replaced at Henpeck Ln. He was also asked why does the grant need to go through the parks commission (Richland County), it was suggested that the parties that are questioning the grant moneys to review the state law, the grant money has to be handled by a governmental unit (Dayton Ridge Runners club is questioning this), Steve suggested that they need to look up the snowmobile law within that law it is stated that every county has to have a long range outdoor recreational plan in place that indicates snowmobiles, then within that it has to be approved by the county and in order to apply for the grant the county has to

have an authorized designee which happens to be Cathy and the parks commission oversees this particular grant. Kerry suggested that Cathy attend the next snowmobile alliance meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

9. Commission member reports; no reports, Kerry Severson was asking the commission what has been heard about the Rules & Resolution committee meeting.

10. Other Business; Amy Bender spoke about doing some trail clean up in the spring and was asking if they will need permission from the commission. The commission suggested to Set the date and get a permit from Cathy for a vehicle on the trail. Kerry suggested to do maintenance on the bridges this spring.

The following bills were presented for December; Town & Country Sanitation, \$100.00; Rockbridge Sawmill, \$166.67;; Richland County Highway Department, \$447.58; Rent-a-Flash, \$1,507.03; Fastenal Company, \$66.81; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$912.40; All American Do It Center, \$62.77; Eric Siemandel, \$300.00; Fastenal Company, \$972.00. Motion made by Gary Peters to pay the December bills as presented, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm at the Conference Room of the Ag Service Center.

Motion made by John Collins to adjourn the meeting, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bob Bellman*<sup>tab</sup>

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Parks Commission Chairman