

Richland County Parks Commission

April 2nd, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The April 2nd, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bellman at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Bellman, Gary Peters, John Collins, Kerry Severson, Steve Kohlstedt, Duane Klang, Larry Jewell, Cindy Chicker, Amy Bender 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 John Collins. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes of the March meeting second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#4 Public input; Amy Bender & Cindy Chicker have been riding the trail and are reporting that there are heavy ruts across the trail at Henpeck Ln. They are planning on walking the trail and picking up garbage along the trail, they will also be taking notes as to the health of the trail. They are collaborating with the Symons Foundation with this information. While at Bike-O-Rama in Madison the input that was received is that people plan on riding the trail starting later in April. The trail will not get worked on until later in May once that the area dries up. The decking on the bridges that the snowmobile alliance has done are great.

#5 Emerald Ash Bore; There are no Ash Trees within County parks (Viola, Rockbridge) or the Rifle Range. It has been suggested to contact SW Badger to someone to identify and label the trees that are at the county parks and the Ash Creek Community Forest.

#6 Bike Trail; A. Mowing of the trail, the agenda was sent to Don Wanless, he contacted Cathy and his rates for mowing the trail will be the same as the 2017 rates. The commission needs to advertise that they are asking for bids for grading & shaping of the trail as soon as possible and then mow after it is done. The grading needs to be done from Sawmill Road to just east of Gotham approximately 6 miles. Need the trail graded, crowned and compacted. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to advertise for grading, shaping, crowning and compacting the bike trail from Sawmill Rd. to just south east of Gotham, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried. Motion made by Gary Peters to stay with Don Wanless for the mowing of the trail at the same rate as 2017; second made by Duane Klang. Motion Carried. B. Follow up on the ATV/UTV public hearings; Nothing has been heard from the clubs asking to use the trail.

#7 Bills, this will be heard at the end of the meeting.

#8 Rifle Range; Kerry reported that the range is in poor shape, he & John Collins did not burn the left-over wood, the dumpsters have not been delivered yet. Kerry reported that there is evidence of clay pigeons have been shot and the rules clearly state that no clay pigeons shot on this side of 100 yards. Bob reported that our County Board chair had received a call regarding the debris at the range. Kerry & John were unable to get the debris taken care of. Clean up day was discussed. There are 4 boards left in the building that can be put up.

#9 Viola Park; Steve reported that there has been no action at the park, everything looks fine.

#10 Rockbridge Park. A. The Highway 80 bridge at the park will be closed, by May 1st. John reported that there will be a meeting at the Rockbridge Town Hall on Thursday April 5th. Once we are certain of the schedule of the road closure the commission will decide if the park will be closed. Sharon will also decide what is happening with the Store also during this time. The canoe ports will also be discussed as to what will happen. When the time comes we will have something posted on the website and the Facebook page. Kerry reported that he was at the park and had run into a family from Madison that was checking out the area for camping and kayaking/canoeing, Kerry also showed them the stairs up the rock and the trails on the back side, he then noticed that there are limbs hanging over one of the shelters that need to be trimmed up and taken off the roof of the shelter.

Cathy reported that she has the water testing kit for the well at the park. Kerry make motion to have the limbs taken care of that are hanging over the shelter, second make by John Collins. Motion carried.

#11 Snowmobile Alliance; A. Trail rehabilitation grant; Cathy reported that she will be sending in the grant paperwork sometime this coming week. In the meantime, she needs to get permission from Kevin Burkhamer and Tom Shields for the riprapping that needs to be done.

#12 Commission member reports; Gary Peters, People have been trout fishing a lot this spring so far. Over 500 posters were handed out at canoe-a-copia in the 3-day event. John Collins reported everything we manage keep clean, he would like to see a more reliable security system at the range. Kerry Severson, reported that he is not opposed to have a sign at the park with the map of the kayak routes on the Pine River. He also suggested to have the camp sites designated. Possibly having community fire rings either steel or stones. Steve Kohlstedt presented Bob Bellman, Larry Jewell and Duane Klang plaques for being on the commission. This is Bob & Larry's last meeting and Duane will be off the commission in June. Duane reported that the polar plunge was held in Cazenovia. Steve also reported that there was a great article on the trout streams in Richland County in the "Our Wisconsin" magazine. Larry Jewell reported that in the same issue about the trout streams was an article about the Boaz Mastodon. Bob Bellman added that he will miss working with the commission and it has been a real privilege working with all the members past and present.

#13 Other business.

#7 The following bills were presented for April; Hidden Valleys Inc, \$1,101.96. Motion made by Kerry Severson to pay the April Bill as presented, second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday May 7th, 2018. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by Larry Jewell to adjourn the meeting, second made by Duane Klang. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:37 pm.

Bob Bellman

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Parks Commission Chair