

Richland County Parks Commission
July 2nd, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The July 2nd, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, Gary Peters, John Collins, Kerry Severson, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Manning, Cindy Chicker, Ann Hudak, Don Huffman, Pat Werner, Tom Johnson and Cathy Cooper. Brad Wegner was absent.

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 Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes of the Amended June 4th meeting second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#4 No Public input.

#5 Bike Trail; Cathy spoke with the Highway Department regarding the culvert that Ray Schmitz asked about at the June meeting and Bob Condon of the highway department said it would be cheaper to take the culvert out and fill the area in than to cap the culvert. However, Bob wants the commission to be aware that the culvert is there for a reason and if it is taken out the trail may get washed out. Gary Manning said he would like to look at the area and maybe get a piece of steel from L & M salvage to put in front of the culvert and then if there is an issue in the future the piece of steel could simply be removed. Cathy also reported that Nobert Pulvermacher asked about the rail road ties by the old bridges and Cathy told him that if he wants them to go ahead and take them all. The trail was rolled and graded on June 8th. Gary Peters read a letter to the ATV group that the submission was reviewed and the topics from the state paperwork were not addressed. (the email with suggestions of what needs to be done is attached to the master minutes). Steve Kohlstedt talked about the documentation that needs to be addressed prior to submitting for approval. Tom Johnson will look at what needs to be done. The groups that are involved with the trail needs to get together and work out what will work for all involved (walking, biking, snowmobiling, ATV/UTV).

#6 Rifle Range; John Collins spoke with the Pine River Sports group. They have donated \$250.00 for a light & pole. Larry Hallett from REC will donate the pole and the transformer for the LED light and the monthly fee would be approximately \$8.00 a month. This information was given to Darrell Tenant, Pine River Sports group, Darrell stated that the \$250.00 will be in the groups budget in a reoccurring basis for possible future projects at the range (security issues wired in). Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the donation and have the light pole installed, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. The next step is to have power ran to the building. Kerry Severson mentioned that there aren't any boards left for the range. John Collins stated that he took 4-7ft boards. The range is looking very good. Gary Manning will bring the 5 or 6 10ft boards that he has. John Collins mentioned that Law Enforcement had left some tear gas canisters at the range and while he was cleaning things up at the range he got some in his eyes. Law Enforcement will change their procedures regarding clean up. John Collins also mentioned that Law Enforcement is willing to make donations for projects when they are brought up. John is also working with Austin for some additional signage and split rail fencing.

#7 Rockbridge Park; Gary checked out the new pier after the last round of flooding as the installation of the pier had not been completed before the rains came. Because of that there is more work that needs to be done. Cathy spoke with Dale Bender regarding the park and Dale will be contacting the Highway Department regarding this as they were supposed to have completed it last fall, Dale will find someone else to complete the projected if highway cannot get it done in a timely manner. Cathy reported on the inspection done by the state and there are 3 violations that need to be addressed. 1. The swing set chains need to have closed "s" hooks and no protruding bolt ends or any sharp edges; 2. The restrooms need to have better designated sex signs; 3. Campfire ring on the other side of the rock. The letter regarding these violations is attached to the master minutes. Gary reported that the park may be getting some free picnic tables from Pine Valley. Kerry reported that the tree next to the entrance of the cave is dying and may need to be removed.

#8 Viola Park; Kerry and Gary have been out to the park at different times and things look good, Gary has observed different groups at the park. Kerry had received a call from a concerned citizen that had noticed large equipment at the park. When he was out there he did not see any. The shelter has many swallow nests in the rafters. It was suggested that maybe next year removing them.

#9 Snowmobile Alliance; Kerry handed out an email that he received and Cathy will develop agreement that will be reviewed at the August meeting.

#10 Commission member reports; Cindy will take the bike trail. Kerry thought that we need to designate some scenic byways. Kerry is unable to attend the Hidden Valley meetings on Wednesday nights and John Collins is interested in taking them over for him. Kerry will talk with County Board Chair Jeanetta Kirkpatrick regarding John taking over for him.

#11 Bills; The following bills were presented; Town & Country Sanitation, \$386.56; Nature's Way Portable Unit's, \$309.00; Sharon Miller, \$54.00; Don Wanless, \$700.00; Richland Observer, \$106.00; Wanless Excavating, \$1,800.00. Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the July bills as presented. Second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Steve Kohlstedt would like a budget update for August.

The next meeting will be on Monday August 6th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to adjourn the meeting, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair