

Richland County Parks Commission
August 6th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The August 6th, 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, Cindy Chicker, Brad Wegner and Cathy Cooper. Gary Manning 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 Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes of the Amended July 2nd meeting second made by Brad Wagner Motion carried.

#4 No Public input.

#5 Bike Trail; Cathy received a call regarding a hole on the trail that needs to be repaired, she has left message with Don Wanless; he has not called back yet. The hole is between Gotham and Lone Rock where the power lines cross the highway Steve Kohlstedt will check this out on Tuesday. Alliant Energy is looking for an easement on the trail, Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel has reviewed the easement, motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to present the easement to the County Board second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried. Cindy Chicker received a call from a person who was asking what the procedure would be for one to volunteer to purchase signs indicating the use of motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail, also to have bicycle crossing signs where they cross over County Highways. Cindy also mentioned that there has been horse activity on the trail. This activity is prohibited by ordinance. Sheriff Bindl has offered to place surveillance cameras in suspicious areas.

#6 Rifle Range; John Collins and Kerry Severson have trimmed trees for the power line to get placed. Once the pole is up the electrician will let John know what it will cost to have power placed. The boards are all shot up. Cindy back tracked to the bike trail regarding the repairs at the Schmitz property behind Wal Mart, the piece of steel is just waiting to get placed. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to purchase boards for the range, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

#7 Rockbridge Park; The bathroom signs have been purchased and Mike Drake has put them up. John Collins reported that he and Gary Manning went up to the park and crimped over all the "s" hooks on the swings so there are no sharp edges. Two truck rims have been placed on the back side of the rock for fire pits and Gary Manning purchased the steel grates to go over the rings. Gary Peters reported that even with the bridge construction the park is being used, not as much as it could be, but it is being used. Kerry Severson reported that he, Gary and Dale Bender and a few others are looking at placing a gravel walk path around the back side of the rock starting at the bridge going all the way around to the steps in the far back corner, this would be part of the grant that was received by Southwest Partners group. The commission started talking about camp sites on the back side of the rock, with maybe having 2 labeled sites back there. The Highway Department finished the riprapping after Dale Bender, Southwest Partners, spoke with them.

#8 Viola Park; Cathy reported she had received a call regarding "Rumble at the Ranch" that S&S Cycle is promoting. Cathy spoke with Paul Langley from S&S. Paul stated that the land owner is working on a driveway permit off Hwy 56. This event is going on the same day of the Horse & Colt show in Viola.

#9 Snowmobile Alliance; The meeting for the riprapping project grant that was applied for is August 29th in Wausau at 8:30 a.m., Gary Peters may go with Cathy to the meeting. Cathy will have a letter put together at the September meeting for the policy of the trails.

#11 Commission member reports; Gary was asked by Carla Doudna, Fair & Recycling Coordinator who would be responsible for the maintenance & cleanup of the pier landing area at the fairgrounds. The suggestion was for the fair committee to put up signage that states all garbage is to be taken with those who bring it in. Kerry was asked by Dale Bender who would be responsible for the kayak port that is on state owned land at County Highway SR and State Highway 80 in the future if Southwest Partners should disband? The partners need to come to the commission and ask this of the commission.

#10 Mid-Year budget review; Tammy put together a spread sheet of what has been spent each month and what is left for the 2018 budget (copy is attached to master minutes). There is a carryover from year to year if the budget is not fully spent. Cathy will be meeting with Finance/Personnel at September 21st. The commission will go over the budget at the September meeting.

#12 Bills; The following bills were presented; Town & Country Sanitation, \$405.89; Nature's Way Portable Unit's, \$309.00; Sharon Miller, \$18.00; Don Wanless, \$700.00; WI State Lab of Hygiene, \$29.00; BL Signs LLC, \$76. 90. Motion made by John Collins to approve the August bills as presented. Second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 10th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Brad Wegner to adjourn the meeting, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:29 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair