

Richland County Parks Commission
November 5th. 2018
Meeting Minutes

The November 5th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, Gary Peters, Steve Kohlstedt, Cindy Chicker, Brad Wegner, Gary Manning, Kerry Severson, Tracy Gobin, Chris Carley and Cathy Cooper. John Collins was absent.

The agenda was mailed/emailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Cindy Chicker moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the October 1st, 2018 meeting second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#4 No Public input.

#5 final 10% paid to Mike Drake. Motion made by Kerry Severson to pay the final 10% to Mike, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. Steve asked if Mike is still interest in mowing again for 2019? Cathy stated that she assumed yes as she has not heard from him not wanting to mow for 2019.

#6 Bike Trail; A. Ditch clean out-Digger's hot line has been called and it will be marked at the earliest this Friday (11/9). Advertise for bids for the clean out. B. Grant possibilities; Denise Lins, Symons Center, the Symons Foundation has donated \$738.84 for the bike trail and Denise is working on applying for a \$2,000 grant for signage on the trail, she is also working on some other grants for maintenance on the trail. Cathy also reported that Paul Perkins stopped into the office last week to talk with her about numbering the bridges on the bike trail and those on private land for the snowmobile trail. C. The bridge on the trail have been re-set but the trail is still too wet and needs to have holes filled in yet. The screenings that need to be place may not happen until Spring of 2019.

#7 Rifle Range; John reported to Cathy that nothing has happened yet regarding the bathroom and the grant.

#8 Rockbridge Park; Gary Peters didn't get to the park as he went to view the new bridges on Highway 80.

#9 Viola Park; Gary spoke with Jeanetta regarding the issue of the camper. He also spoke with Sheriff Bindl about approaching the owners of the camper in a formal matter, they have been approached by a lieutenant of the Sheriff's Department. Cathy also reported that after the last meeting Ken Anderson went out and put a padlock on the power box. Kerry passed out pictures of the park as there are 3 campers in the park along with loose tires. Cathy spoke with Ben Southwick about having a simple no camping ordinance. Cathy also reported that there was an additional \$24.00 on the REC bill as the camper was connected to the power box and there were 5 TV sets in the dumpster that cost the commission \$200.00 for special services from Town & Country Sanitation. The question to the commission is do you continue to have a dumpster for the park in the future. Once there is an ordinance in place it will be sent to the organizers of the Viola Horse & Colt show along with S&S Cycle. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to have Ben develop a no camping ordinance for the small park on Highway 56 and to mirror the penalties to the bike trail and to have the Sheriff's department in force the ordinance, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. Kerry Severson suggested that there be a letter placed on the campers stating that they need to leave the area. Cathy will contact Ben to get started on the ordinance.

#10 Boat Landings; Orion, we are still waiting for the permit. B. Port Andrew – the grant is approved. Cathy will contact Bill Condon at the highway department.

#11 Snowmobile Alliance; Cathy attended the alliance meeting and the trail policy will need to be adjusted in a couple places, Cathy will make the corrections to the policy.

#12 Commission Member reports; Cindy Chicker reported that the bikers/hikers of the trail have a tentative meeting set up with snowmobile & atv/utv users along with the land owners along the trail on the 29th of November at 7pm with the location to be determined. Kerry attended the AWSC conference, he learned that we need to have everything in writing. Gary just had a comment regarding the Bikers & ATV's, he is proud of how they are working together.

#13 Bills; The following bills were presented; Town & Country Sanitation, \$200.00; Nature's Way Portable Unit's, \$282.50; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$19.90; Mike Drake, \$672.50; BL Signs LLC, \$67.00; City of Richland Center, \$5,000.00; Village of Cazenovia, \$300.00; Sharon Miller, \$6.00; Don Wanless, \$700.00; Kyrie Kinney, \$3,667.80. Motion made by Bradley Wegner Second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Gary was approached about having a dumpster near the kayak landing by the county fair grounds.

The next meeting will be on Monday December 3rd, 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 6:40 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair