

Richland County Parks Commission
December 3rd. 2018
Meeting Minutes

The December 3rd, 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, Ray Schmitz, Matt Schmitz and Cathy Cooper. John Collins was absent.

The agenda was mailed/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 Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the November 5th, 2018 meeting second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

#4 No Public input.

#5 Dumpster placement at the kayak landing at the Richland County Fairgrounds on our contract was discussed. Gary Peters stated that if there would be a dumpster it would not be near the river but at the pavilion. Kerry Severson thought that the Fair & Recycling committee would still pay for the dumpster, but it would stay on the Parks Commission contract. Steve Kohlstedt made motion to allow the dumpster to be on the Parks Commission contract next year (2019) realizing that dumpsters are not placed until April 1st for the season and they are pulled on November 1st. Second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#6 Bike Trail; Matt & Ray Schmitz are asking the commission to clean out a ditch by the bike trail that is flooding back into one of their fields. Cathy & Gary Manning have gone out to the area where diggers hot line has marked and there is a fiber optic line that goes across the ditch. A survey will need to be done to see how the water flows and then maybe do something with the tube or how much fill it would take. Gary Manning made motion to investigate filling the low area on the Schmitz site and take care of the issue that way. Second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

#7 Rifle Range; Cathy reported that the donation tubes were cleaned out for the season, there was a total of \$638.33 from the rifle range with a \$100.00 check for which Tammy sent a thank you note. There was \$14.73 from the bike trail tube on TB and \$17.07 from Rockbridge Park for a total of \$670.13. There was nothing else to report for the range. Kerry suggested a food stand at the range when people are getting their guns sited in for the deer hunting season. Steve Kohlstedt suggest having partners that use the range getting together and brain storm way to generate money for the use of the site. Gary Manning suggested an ad in the fall reminding people of the range being available for hunters to site their guns in for the deer hunting season. Discussion followed of ways to generate more income.

#8 Rockbridge Park; Cathy reported that there was 1 camper in October. Gary Manning reported that he has someone who will take the 2 dead Ash trees for nothing if the commission is ok with this. The person will need to also take the brush from the area and sign a hold harmless clause. After further discussion it was decided to just let Mike Drake take care of this at his hourly rate.

#9 Viola Park; A. Cathy reported that she spoke with Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel regarding the no camping ordinance at Viola Park that had be requested. He questioned why, Cathy explained the reason behind the request and told Ben that "Yes" we want the ordinance. Having an ordinance is the only way we will be able to get the current camper trailer off the property. Gary Peters reported that yes, the school bus stops there, yes, the truck was impounded and yes there has been pass issues with the adults and law enforcement, Steve reminded the commission that there we do not have a state issued camping permit for the Viola Park. Kerry Severson reported that he was at the park this afternoon and there was no sign of activity (recent snow fall). It appears that the camper trailer has been abandoned. Discussion followed, Gary Peters will contact the sheriff to

discuss the removal of the camper trailer. Cathy suggested that the commission move forward with the no camping ordinance. Steve suggested to invite the Sheriff to the January meeting. Cathy will contact Ben on Tuesday. B. The dumpster at the park; Cathy reminded the commission that someone had dumped 5 TVs and it cost the commission an extra \$200. Suggest not having a dumpster at the park and a sign in-place for people to carry their garbage. Take the dumpster off for now but wait until the no camping ordinance is in place. If it becomes an issue we can put one back.

#10 Boat Landings; Nothing new happening at either landing.

#11 Snowmobile Alliance; Trail Policy – Cathy has amended the policy and sent it on to the Snowmobile Alliance. Cathy also spoke about the archeological study that the Army Corp of Engineers had originally requested, the DNR is working on it.

#12 Commission Member reports. Kerry Severson reported that the snowmobile club is working with one of the land owners. Cindy Chicker reported that some of the limestone screening have been spread on the bike trail. A grant from Wal Mart for \$500.00 went to the Symons Foundation for the bike trail. At the end of the year the foundation will cut a check for the \$500.00 to the Parks Commission for the trail. The Snowmobile, ATV & Bike users all got together last week but there were no adjacent to the trail owners. Those who were there got more done for adding uses on the trail. Gary Manning asked about the Ash Creek Forest and what is happening with the property. Cathy informed him that there is an ad-hoc committee that is working on it. Kerry noticed that the bridge between Gotham and Henpeck needs work done and the abutment is washed out. Discussion on the Snowmobile Alliance was done to clarify who is who. There were no other reports.

#13 Bills; The following bills were presented; Nature's Way Portable Unit's, \$106.00; Kraemer Company, \$255.06; Randy Olson Trucking, \$456.50; Boaz Sunrise Septic Service, \$315.00; Richland County Zoning, \$50.00; Sharon Miller, \$6.00; Cathy Cooper, \$14.28; Walsh's Ace Hardware, 24.31. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the December bills as presented. Second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 7th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair