

Richland County Parks Commission  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

The February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman John Collins at 5:31 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, John Collins, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Tracy Gobin, and Cathy Cooper. Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Peters and Brad Wegner were all absent.

The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Gary Manning 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 January meeting as sent out second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

#5 Bike Trail; A. Bid Opening for the ditch clean out. One bid was received from Wanless Construction, the bid was for \$2,650.00. Motion made by John Collins to reject the bid of \$2,650.00 from Wanless Construction, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. This will be put out for bids later in the fall of 2019.

#6 Rifle Range; John Collins reported that all is good at the range.

#7 Viola Park; Kerry reported that at the last County Board meeting the parks ordinance did not pass and was postponed for further consideration. The County Board wants more camping in the county not less. Kerry passed out the state statutes that Mr. Ben Southwick, corporation counsel mentioned to Kerry regarding camping regulations. It was suggested to sell the viola park to the village of Viola for \$1.00 then the village can maintain the camping at the park. Gary Manning motioned that we “parks commission” approach the village regarding the take over of the Viola Park for \$1.00. Second make by John Collins. Motion carried.

#8 Rockbridge Park. Nothing new happening. A water test will be done this spring before the park is opened for the season. Cathy will talk with Mike Drake regarding the trees that are over hanging the shelter.

#9 Snowmobile Alliance. Cathy went out with Paul Perkins to do an inspection of the trails before they were opened. All were marked put some of the trails were not groomed yet as the connecting County (Vernon) was not open. Cathy spoken with Anne Loechler from the state asking what would happen with the grant if the trail from Richland Center to Hub City did not get open due to landowner issues. Anne replied that if the trail is not open by April 15<sup>th</sup> it cannot be included in the grant. Discussion followed regarding use the road right of way. Cathy will be applying for a new trail from Vetesniks to Bear Valley for a grant of \$3,500.00 to get the trail ready for use.

#10 Boat Landing; nothing to report.

Grant Opportunities; Cathy handed out some information that she received in the mail. This grant opportunity needs to update the County comprehensive plan for the parks.

Commission member reports. None.

No other business.

The following bills were presented for February; Walsh’s Ace Hardware, \$50.95 (this is not part of the grant, the alliance must pay for this bill); Burkhamer Excavating & Construction, \$300.00. Motion made by Gary Manning to pay the February Bill as presented, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting, second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:22 pm.

*John Collins*

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair