

Richland County Parks Commission
March 4th, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The March 4th, 2019 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, Kerry Severson, John Collins, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Steve Kohlstedt, Tracy Gobin, Matt Schmitz, Gary Shilling 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 Gary Manning. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cindy Chicker to approve the minutes of the February meeting as sent out second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

#4 There was no public input.

#5 Bike Trail; Gary Manning spoke with Ray Schmitz about crushing the tube and then fill in the crushed tube and then fill in the low spots within 50 feet of the bike trail. Matt Schmitz's asked what it would take for dirt to do the filling of the area in question. Gary Manning feels that it would take no more than 3 truck loads of dirt. Gary Manning made motion to place this out for bids to crush the tube and fill in the tube and the low spots within the 50 feet of our right of way for the bike trail, possibly using the fill from the area that was offered, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. By doing it this way the wires and the sewer line that are buried will not be disturbed.

#6 Rifle Range; It is being used. Steve Kohlstedt reported that the boards may need to be replaced soon. The grant is still pending.

#7 Viola Park; Cathy reported that that there was a camper fire back in August that the Viola Fire Department was called for and the bill has finally come to the commission. Steve Kohlstedt asked how the process would work to sell the park to the village of Viola for \$1.00. This would have to go to the County Board for approval and the village of Viola would have to accept the park. Steve Kohlstedt made motion to send letter to the village of Viola and offer the park to them for the cost of 1 dollar, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#8 Rockbridge Park. Snowed & iced in. Garage dumpsters will be placed on April 1st this year and Steve Kohlstedt suggested that we should watch the melting/rain before then as the dumpsters may need to be placed later in April.

#9 Snowmobile Alliance; Kerry Severson reported that things are looking good, the trails have been open for a while, there are routes for the Hub City and the Blue River trails. There was an accident on the trail in Richland County, but Kerry did not have any details. There was a complaint from a landowner along the bike trail that some snow from the groomer blocked the driveway.

#10 Snowmobile Grant; 1st grant is the 19-20 trail maintenance for \$40,440.00 motioned by Kerry Severson to approve the grant and forward on to the County Board for approval, second by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. Trail maps were discussed between the grants. 2nd grant is for the new state funded trail from Vetesniks' to Bear Valley making a loop, motioned by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the new trail grant for \$3,500.00 and forward on to County Board for approval, second made by John Collins. Motion carried. Again, maps were discussed. The grant for the bridge repairs will be on the April agenda.

#11 Boat Landing; Mr. Shilling addressed the commission regarding the Orion boat landing, the highway department does some of the mowing and the property that Mr. Shilling is asking about is owned by the Town of Orion and he will need to talk with them,

#12 Grant Opportunities; Cindy Chicker is still looking into this; this line item will stay on the agenda for now.

#13 Commission member reports. Kerry Severson gave an update on Hidden Valleys. We are the center fold for this upcoming year's magazine. There is a cost for this of approximately \$3,000.00. This information will need to be to Hidden Valley for the 2020 publication by August 2019. ATVers' Snowmobilers', Bikers' & Hikers' need to get together for a map This will be on the April agenda. Photo contest was suggested by Tracy Gobin for fresh pictures.

#14 Other business. Nothing at this point.

The following bills were presented for March; Richland Observer, \$73.80; Town of Forest, \$114.00; Hidden Valley Inc., \$230.00; Hidden Valley Inc., \$1,101.96. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the March Bill as presented, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

Back to #10 Snowmobile Grant. Cathy reported about the archeological dig that needs to be done with the bridge repair behind Doudna school. Cathy spoke with the lady from the Mississippi River Valley Archeological Center. This is the same lady that did the city's study and she said that it should not cost more than \$1000.00 and she would do the study this spring. Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the \$1,000.00 for the archeological dig. Second by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday April 1st, 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 6:40 pm.

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Parks Commission Chair