

Richland County Parks Commission
April 1st, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The April 1st, 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, Brad Wegner, Steve Kohlstedt, Tracy Gobin, Ed Manning, Paul Langley, Speed Ranch Motorcycle Club, Jamie Havlik, landowner next to Viola Park and Cathy Cooper.

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 March meeting as sent out second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#4 There was no public input.

#5 Bike Trail; A. Bid opening; no bids were received- Gary Manning did mentioned that Ray Schmitz offered the fill to come from his pasture. He needs to stop into the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to sign a release form for the parks to use the soil; Ray is under the impression that the county will be cleaning some of the ditches in the area and will be looking a place to put the fill, so he thinks that that would be a good place to put the soil. Gary Manning suggested to put the bid out for one more month. B. Benches, Cathy showed what the benches look like and Tracy Gobin explained that she had been on a different trail and these benches were placed along the trail. The Reedsburg High School Welding class makes the benches for non-profit organizations. They are booked for this year but could make some for next school year. Tracy thought that this would be a good fund raiser so there would be no cost to the County. John Collins discussed some options. Motion made by Gary Manning to put in for 4 benches with the Reedsburg Schools second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. Cindy Chicker has been asked about when will the clean up of the trail will happen. The ground needs to firm up more before any clean up can begin.

#6 Rifle Range; John Collins has a call into Mel Cook for his BB gun group to do clean up. John will concrete the polls in at the 25-foot line. Steve Kohlstedt will stop out to the range this week to do some clean up. Gary Manning will be providing the range with boards.

#7 Viola Park; Paul Langley, President of S&S Cycle and President of the Speed Ranch Motorcycle Club; the club would like to take over the park. Jamie Havlik would be willing to allow the club camp in his private property. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to take this request to the County Board for negotiation with Speed Ranch Motorcycle Club, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. Cathy will inform Victor, County Clerk that there will be a report for the Viola Park. Paul Langley will present this report to the County Board. Paul volunteered the powder coating that may be needed in the future with the steel benches that where discussed during the bike trail report. County Board meeting will be the 16th of April at 7pm. Cathy will email Paul with the agenda.

#8 Rockbridge Park; Dale Bender let Cathy know that they will be getting the kayak landing reset. Tammy received an email from a lady asking about a clean up at the park. It was suggested to contact her and ask when she would like to have it set.

#9 Snowmobile Alliance; Nothing to report.

#10 Snowmobile Grant; 2 grants to take to County board. Grant #1 is for a new trail from the bike trail to Bear Valley and #2 the annual maintenance grant, there is approximately 9 miles that is not mapped yet. Cathy is still waiting for bridge information for the bridge on County I/Snow Valley and the bridge behind Richland Hills. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt if we don't have the adequate information from Eric Siemendel by the time the grant is due we do not submit it, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#11 Boat Landing; Gary has driven by; the landings are still under water, but the entrances look good.

#12 Long Range Recreation Plan; Need to set up some public hearings later this summer or early fall to go over some plans & ideas.

#13 Discover Richland County; Traci Gobin presented the Commission with a scavenger hunt of sorts for points within the county. Then at the end of the summer the participants will turn in their completed hunt form for a drawing to win some prizes. (the Commission got off track regarding the Hidden Valley center fold) Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the scavenger hunt, seconded by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. The forms will be available around town.

#14 Grant possibilities; no definite ones.

#15 Commission member reports. Kerry Severson reported that he spoke with Dale Bender and there will be a special meeting set up at the intersection of Hwy 80 and County Hwy SR, on DNR property. There will be a meeting at noon on April 11th. Cindy reported that there will be a clean up of the bike trail from Wal Mart to Lone Rock either the end of April or beginning of May.

Bike trail mowing-The snowmobile alliance will do the final mowing of the season. Cathy will put a bid out for the May meeting.

#14 Other business. Nothing at this point.

The following bills were presented for April; No Bills

The next meeting will be on Monday May 6th, 2019. Meeting will begin at 5:00 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Brad Wegner to adjourn the meeting, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair