

Richland County Parks Commission
May 6th, 2019
Meeting Minutes

#1 The May 6th, 2019 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:00 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, Kerry Severson, John Collins, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Brad Wegner, Steve Kohlstedt, Ray Schmitz, Dale Bender, Chris Carley, Bryan "Trapper" Voldahl, David Barron, David Murphy, Jamie Havlik, landowner next to Viola Park and Cathy Cooper.

#2 The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Kerry Severson moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

#3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the April meeting as sent out second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#4 There was no public input.

#5 Hidden Valley 2020 ad; Kerry Severson spoke of the 2020 issue and Richland County has the centerfold of the magazine, this will cost the County \$3,500.00. He took this expense to the County Finance & Personnel committee to obtain the money for this from other sources in the County instead of the Parks budget. Kerry was informed to present this at the next County Board meeting on May 20th, 2019 for the entire board decision.

#6 Bike Trail; A. Bid opening; 2 bids were received for the project behind The All American Do It Center along Ray Schmitz property along the trail. After reviewing both bids motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to award the bid to Randy Olson Trucking LLC, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. Only one bid was received for the mowing of the trail. The bid was reviewed motion made by Gary Manning to accept the bid from Don Wanless, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried. B. Benches, these were suggested to be removed before the snowmobiling season begins. Nothing else was discussed regarding the placement of benches.

#7 Rifle Range; the 4H shoot was Saturday May 4th, everything went well. John Collins reported that while he went to reset a couple of post there were 2 gentlemen at the range and they assisted John with resetting all the post. When there is a private shoot, the person who is organizing the shoot will call the sheriff's department as they will post the range closed during the hours of the private shoot. Steve Kohlstedt mentioned that as clay pigeons are aloud at the range they are to be set at the 100-yard mark.

#8 Viola Park issues; there was another squatter, Kerry Severson handed out pictures that he took at the beginning of the month (filed with the master minutes). Cathy reported, the squatter called the office and Tammy informed him that he had to leave he could not stay there. Kerry says that it would take a couple of hours with the help of a few of the commission members to clean up the park and fill in the ruts, the park should be back to where it was before the squatter. The padlock on the electrical box is missing and exposed. Motioned by John Collins to have Dale Bender work with REC and have the meter removed so there is no electrical access, second by Brad Wegner. Motion carried. When this is done Dale will report to Cathy. We need to get black dirt and grass seed to fill in the ruts when cleaning up the park. Kerry spoke with the Viola Village President, he would like to get a camping agreement with the Commission. There were 12 campers at the park over the weekend. This park is vital to the community of Viola. The village collects fees for camping at Banker Park, the permits and fees are issued/collected by the Zip Stop gas station. Kerry suggested to have the no camping ordinance back on the County Board agenda for now, in the meantime work with DATCP in obtaining a permit for camping at the park. "Trapper" spoke regarding to have the County invest in the park and provide camping. Dave Barron, fishing guide, he uses the park several times a year. He wants to see the park remain available to the public for day use.

James Havlik spoke next and stated that having to go to the village of Viola would be OK. Steve Kohlstedt suggested that the parks commission and the village of Viola get together for a special meeting. The no camping ordinance is only for extended stay. Dale Bender spoke, he is very firm on presenting as many opportunities to the public as possible to take advantage of the counties resources. Motion made by John Collins to set a meeting with the village of Viola regarding the park, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#9 Rockbridge Park; Cathy presented the bat survey to the commission.

#10 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR; Steve Kohlstedt, Cindy Chicker, Cathy Cooper & Ken Anderson met with a representative from the DNR. The County Parks Commission would have to oversee this site. The parking lot will need to be installed at the site and could be a possible candidate for the fish & wildlife grant from the DNR for the lot

#11 Snowmobile Alliance; Everything needs to be to Cathy prior to the June meeting. There is a large pile of screening at the snowmobile garage for the bike trail.

#12 Snowmobile Grant; Included the Blue River Trail. Cathy also submitted for the Ithaca part of the trail. Cathy will be defending the grant application in August. Specs for the bridge at Snow Valley and the bridge behind Richland Hills in town are still needed.

Cindy asked if there was anything else needed regarding the Kayak Landing, Dale side that the DNR will need to know if the County will be the sponsor of the landing. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt that the Parks Commission will sponsor the kayak landing at State Highway 80 and County Highway SR, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. Kerry Severson suggested that Dale Bender come to the May County Board meeting to explain what this is for. Cathy will present the proposed resolution to Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel for the May County Board meeting. Steve will email Cathy with what is needed for the resolution.

#13 Boat Landings; still under water.

#14 Long Range Recreation Plan; Still need to set up a meeting.

Ray Schmitz spoke to the commission.

#15 Discover Richland County; This was on Discovery Wisconsin TV program last month.

#16 Grant possibilities; nothing currently

#17 Commission member, Cindy Chicker reported that the trail needs to have the screening spread and graded (Twin Bluffs to Gotham). Brad Wegner state that he had people express an interest in have Ash Creek open for camping. Cathy informed the commission there is an adhoc committee working on Ash Creek Community Forest projects.

#18 Other business. Nothing at this point.

#19 The following bills were presented for May; Town & Country Sanitation, \$405.89; Reimbursement to Fund 10 #5311, \$11.50; Sharon Miller, \$48.00; Richland Observer, \$27.60; WI State Lab of Hygiene, \$30.00; UW LaCrosse. \$1,000.00; Fastenal, \$9.75; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$39.99. Motion made by Gary Manning to pay the May bills as presented, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 3rd, 2019. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to adjourn the meeting, second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

Gary Peters

Gary Peters
Parks Commission Chair