

Richland County Parks Commission
June 3rd, 2019
Meeting Minutes

#1 The June 3rd. 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:47 p.m. Those present were John Collins, Kerry Severson, Gary Manning, Steve Kohlstedt, Dale Bender, Eric Siemendel, Darrin Matthes & Kent Kanable, Village of Viola, Pat Werner, Chris Carley, and Cathy Cooper. Gary Peters, Cindy Chicker and Brad Wegner were all absent.

#2 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.

#3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the May meeting as sent out second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

#4 There was no public input.

#5 Viola Park A. Village of Viola; discussion on this prior to the meeting getting called to order. The Village of Viola will assist enforcing rules of the park if they are deputized by the County Sheriff's Department. Kerry spoke someone from the state regarding camping, he was informed that if we don't advertise camping at the park we could have up to 3 camp sites; As Village President Darrin Matthes would like to see the park stay open to camping as it is beneficial for the Village of Viola. The question remains what if there is someone long term at the park that needs to be evicted? Steve Kohlstedt made motion to investigate the 3-camp sites with a primitive setting and what type of litigation authority we would have. Second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. More discussion after the motion regarding camp sites. The electrical box has been removed but there are dusk to dawn lights. Gary Manning made motion to ask Sheriff Bindl to deputize the village of Viola officers, second made by John Collins. Motion carried. Cathy will contact the Sheriff's office regarding deputizing the Village of Viola officer Jim Reed. Discussion continued. Darrin Matthes suggested a railing around the shelter with a 4-foot entrance to help prevent people from setting up camp in the shelter. B. No Camping Ordinance this was skipped.

#6 Hidden Valley Ad; Kerry Severson reported that the ad was approved at the last County Board meeting, Richland County will have the centerfold for the 2020 edition. There were different conversations going on regarding what the commission would like to have on the insert. John Collins read an email from Sandy Williams, office manager Hidden Valleys, the email stated to please mark up a centerfold map as well as a Richland County map on page 51 with updates and send this to her by the end of June so graphics can do the updates. Steve Kohlstedt suggested that we invite people to the July meeting that have a vested interest in the county to come up with the reasons of why to come to Richland County.

#7 Bike Trail; Denise Lins was in contact with John Collins and asked if the bike trail was open, he told her that it was accessible but there are a few deep rill areas that need to be taken care of. Kerry Severson reminded the commission of the drag at the Highway Department that is specifically for the trail and asked if this would be good time to drag the trail. A. ATV/UTV report update; Eric Siemandel presented the commission with binders with the application to the state for adding ATV's to the current trail. (Binder is on file at the office). This will be on the July agenda for the commission to act on.

#8 Rifle Range; Cathy reported that the 4-H shoot went well, and they cleaned up after they were done. John Collins reported that the light pole will happen this year, just don't know exactly when. Gary Manning also reported that he may have more boards.

#9 Rockbridge Park; John Collins reported that he was at the park when there was a large group of campers and they will be back in August, they are requesting a port-a-potty unit be stationed at the lower end of the park by the cave. Motion made by Gary Collins to have a port-a-potty placed at the lower end of the park by the cave. Second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried. The Boy Scouts will be asked paint the bridge on the other side of the rock thru the cave. If the bridge needs to be secured in place Gary Manning volunteered his equipment on tracks to get the rock on the back side of the park.

#10 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR; Dale Bender has been in contact with Justin Hagland, WiDNR, Dale will let him know that the County has approved the parks commission to oversee the upkeep.

#11 Snowmobile Alliance; Cathy reported to the Alliance that they could add a step in the reporting system, but they will need to decide who will perform the step before it goes to Cathy.

#12 Snowmobile Grant; Cathy is waiting on the Corp. of Engineers. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt for Cathy to move forward with the bidding process just as soon as she receive approval from the Corp. of Engineers, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

#13 Boat Landings; A. Port Andrew damage; there is major damage on the boat landing, Received an estimate from the Highway Department for a cost of \$3000.29. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to move forward with the repair with the County Highway department, second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#14 Long Range Recreation Plan; Use the people from the Hidden Valley group.

#15 Discover Richland County; tabled

#16 Grant possibilities; still working on it. Knowles grant may be finished in 2020.

#17 Commission member reports; Kerry Severson reported that County Board member Shawn Murphy Lopez would like to see signs for the designated access points to water.

#18 Other business. Nothing at this point.

#19 The following bills were presented for June; Town & Country Sanitation, \$422.13; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$367.00; Sharon Miller, \$66.00; WDATCP, \$175.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$563.49; Hillsboro Trail Blazers, \$2,500.00. Motion made by Gary Manning to pay the June bills as presented, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday July 1st, 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 Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:23 pm.

Gary Collins

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair