

Richland County Parks Commission
July 1, 2019
Meeting Minutes

#1 The July 1st. 2019 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, John Collins, Kerry Severson, Gary Manning, Cindy Chicker, Amy Bender, Eric Siemendel, Pat Werner, Claire Bruckner, Milo Mercer, Doug Hoffman, Maria Carlson, Marilyn Rinehart, Greg Vetesnik, Barb & Gordy Brockway, Tom Johnson and Cathy Cooper. Brad Wegner and Steve Kohlstedt were all absent.

#2 The agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Cindy Chicker 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 June meeting as sent out second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#4 2020 Budget was covered at the end of the meeting. There was no public input.

#5 Public input. Marilyn Rinehart addressed the commission regarding the Rockbridge Park. She would like to see better parking lot with better drainage, the snowmobile bridge needs to either be moved to the west side of the rock or dismantled completely and use the wood to outline the gravel parking area. The Kayak landing in in the parking area. The port-a-potty needs to be moved as it is in the middle of the picture taking area by the cave. She is concerned about the graffiti in the cave and would like to see it removed. Need to strategically mow the park area for walking paths.

#6 Hidden Valley Ad; Kerry is working on this with Sandy from Hidden Valley. Lynn Newkirk in the zoning office has a map for the ATV/UTV routes.

#7 Bike Trail;

A. ATV/UTV – the commission needs to write a cover letter for the application that the ATV/UTV group has written. Steve Kohlstedt & John Collins have reviewed the application and they are both ok with it. John Collins suggest that the letter from the commission approve the application for a change in use and present it to the county board as the next step in the application process. There was a lot of discussion regarding the bike trail. Motion made by Gary Manning to forward the application on the County Board with an addendum letter from the Parks Commission for the next County Board meeting, second made by John Collins. More discussion Kerry Severson feels that the commission needs to come up with a presentation for County Board. Gary Peters will do the presentation. Roll Call vote Gary Manning yea, John Collins yea, Gary Peters yea, Kerry Severson yea, Cindy Chicker nae, 4 yea and 1 nae. Motion carried. Cathy will inform Victor Vlasak and Ben Southwick. More comments continued. Need to get the screenings out of the groomer building and on to the trail. Gary Manning will discuss pulling the drag (that is currently at the highway department) with Simpson Tractor.

#8 Rifle Range; John Collins reported that the range had been under extreme use. The boards are gone, and people have brought things that should not have been shot at. We have boards donated by Newberry Construction, Mike Drake has done a wonderful job with the cleanup of the debris so when John Collins went to the range to put up the boards everything was cleaned up. John Collins also spoke of the pit toilet at the range and Huff Cut that is all concrete. The cost for this toilet is \$13,500.00, this toilet will meet the ADA requirement. The vault will come from Ken Rynes. It would be 3 weeks from the time of placing the order to when the toilet is delivered. The grant that we have is for \$5,000,00, so we need to do some more fund raising. We to get a few more boards, John felt that 10 more boards from Rockbridge Sawmill should be good, Gary Peters will pick up the boards and have the bill for the August meeting.

Cathy had another item for the bike trail. Tracy Gobin has an order in for 4 benches to be placed along the trail. Tracy is doing fund raising thru the Symons Foundation, she just needs to know where to place the benches. 2 at Twin Bluffs. 1 either just before Gotham or just pass possibly and 1 by the curved bridge. Kerry also reported that the shelter at Twin Bluffs along the trail needs to have some upkeep done with it.

#9 Rockbridge Park; A. Picnic tables-Cathy spoke with Shane Stibbe, City Parks and he go thru John's Welding, Cathy showed the commission what was available, we would have to assemble and paint or stained. A 6-foot painted table is \$260.00, and a 6-foot galvanized table is \$305.00, an 8-foot painted is \$290.00 and \$335.00 for galvanized. The galvanized frame tables with the wood top and seat would be a better deal in the long run. Cathy will contact the company to get quotes for 2 ADA compliant tables and 4 standard tables, she will report back to the commission in August.

#10 Viola Parking; nothing new to report, Kerry would like to increase the budget for Viola park by \$12,000 for a new well. This will be discussed during the budget.

#11 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR; nothing new at this point with the plan. This project needs to get marked out before it can be put out for bids. Still waiting to hear from the DNR.

#12 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. Kerry reported that the state soon will be adding mileage trackers to the groomers.

#13 Snowmobile Grant; the trail is 129 miles this is about 10 miles less than previous years for the maintenance grant. The new trail grant will be reviewed that fall.

#14 Boat Landings; A. Port Andrew damage; Still waiting on the highway department to make the repairs.

#15 Long Range Recreation Plan; Cindy Chicker an Cathy will be working on setting up meetings.

#16 Grant possibilities; John Collins is working on the rifle range grant.

#17 Commission member reports; Kerry reported state stats. Chapter 80 regarding parks commissions, he will print this out and he feels the commission should review the chapter.

#18 Other business. None

#19 The following bills were presented for July; Town & Country Sanitation, \$422.13; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$371.50; Sharon Miller, \$12.00; Don Wanless, \$750.00; Richland County Snowmobile Alliance, \$29,788.63; Hillsboro Trail Blazers, \$1,832.80. Motion made by Gary Manning to pay the July bills as presented, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#4 2020 Budget; The increase of \$517.36 is for wages and benefits, adding a new well at Viola park for \$12,000.00 and add \$1,000.00 more for inspection for Viola. Motion made by Gary Peters to take the 2020 budget with the increases to Victor, second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

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

Kerry reported that Supervisor Murphy Lopez is looking for any projects that a group of 12 to 18-year-old young people could do for the parks, they would be supervised by a Health & Human Services employees A variety of ideas came up with projects for them to do.

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

Meeting ended at 7:12 pm.

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Parks Commission Chair