

Richland County Parks Commission
August 5, 2019
Meeting Minutes

- #1 The August 5th. 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, Brad Wegner, Steve Kohlstedt, Dale Bender, Pat Werner, Don Seep, Denise Lins, Tracy Gobin and Cathy Cooper.
- #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 Brad Wegner. Motion carried.
- #3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the July meeting as sent out second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.
- #4 Public input; There was no public input.
- #6B; Bike trail update; Don Seep spoke. He was 1 of the County Board Members that voted no for the ATV/UTV users on the bike trail, He voted no because he didn't have time to review the research that was presented to him at the board meeting. Don intends to bring the issue back to the floor at the August County Board meeting for reconsideration. He would like to have a member of the Parks Commission to give a presentation to the board giving the hikers/bikers side. Don recommends that John Collins give the presentation to the board for the ATV/UTV use. Cathy reviewed the emails received from the web site.
- #5 Hidden Valley Ad; received 2020 bill, Kerry is working on the middle of the magazine & ads, the proof of the entire piece needs to be done by January 1, 2020.
- #6A Bike Trail maintenance; Supervisor Shaun Murphy-Lopez gave Cathy a packet of information regarding funding for WI trails after reviewing the information the recreational trails program would be the grant to look at, it is for maintenance and restoration of existing trails for up to 50% match. Doug Huffman has done work on the trail by filling in areas with screenings and rototilling areas of weeds. Jim Husnik will spray the trail on Wednesday August 7th and then the trail will need to be mowed by the end of the week or the beginning of the following week, Cathy will contact Don Wanless. Jim also will spray the trail again after the County Fair and that should hold all the way to fall. John Collins made a motion that the Symons Foundation will investigate and complete the application for the trail maintenance rehab grants. The county will make the application for the grant, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. Cathy then reviewed the other emails that were received through the web site. Cathy will give Denise Lins a copy of that email. One other email was received from County Board Chair, Jeanetta Kirkpatrick. This email was one that she forward on to Cathy. This email was in regard to being ADA compliant as the trail is currently not. Discussion followed,
- #7 Rifle Range; Still need boards, Kerry & John will get boards this week if not Steve will next week. Directional signs for the range was brought up.
- #8 Rockbridge Park; Still waiting for some drier weather for the kayak landing pier to be placed. Still looking into having the boy scouts paint the steps. Chair Gary Peters reported on the North end of the Pine River starting in Hub City down to Rockbridge is a beautiful area to Kayak down. There has been an agreement with the fishermen and the kayakers that there will not be any clearing above Rockbridge. The self-registration kiosk was next on the agenda, this was added to the agenda by Gary Collins, he was concerned with the what if something happened with the current set up with the Rockbridge store. The cost is maybe out of reach for the amount of revenue it may or may not bring in. Steve spoke that there is already a donation pipe in place over by the restrooms with a place for envelopes. He suggested that it could be resigned to state camping fees and donations, so if the store chooses to no longer take care of the camping registration this is something that the commission could do.
- #9 Viola Park; Brad Wegner reported that all looks good; Gary Manning said he checked in with the Viola Village office and asked why they didn't want the park and he was told that they have no interest and during the Horse & Colt show is the only time they have over flow from the camp ground in Viola. A new well was put into the 2020 budget, now waiting for personnel/finance to approve it.

John Collins went back to Picnic table in Rockbridge, Motion made by John Collins to order 4 regular 6' tables and 2 handicap tables without shipping as we may pick them up, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. these tables will have to be assembled and the tops will need to be painted.

Cathy also brought up the bike trail shelter at Twin Bluffs. Doug Hoffman would be willing to stain the shelter if the commission would be willing to purchase the stain. Consensus of the commission; go for it.

#10 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR; Dale Bender decided to give an update on the status of this project. Dale is working with Justin Hagland DNR. The Southwest Partners will be the permit holder once the DNR approve the project. The Parks Commission will be the governmental handler of the money. Dale will keep the commission up to date with everything.

#11; Snowmobile Alliance; Meeting in Wausau is coming up.

#12 Snowmobile Grant; Cathy is waiting on the Army Corp. motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to put the project out for bids for September, second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

#13 Boat Landings; Port Andrew work is done on the landing. The bill will be at the September meeting for approval, we did receive funding for up to \$1500 on this bill and Cathy will put in for reimbursement for that as soon as she has the bill.

#14 Long Range Recreation Plan; Meeting has been set for August 21st at 7pm here in the conference room.

#15 Commission member reports; None.

#16 Other business. Cathy spoke about a piece of property along County Highway E. Corporation Counsel asked if the Parks Commission would be interested in it.

#17 The following bills were presented for August; Town & Country Sanitation, \$422.13; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$472.50; Sharon Miller, \$30.00; Don Wanless, \$750.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware. \$77.96; Premier Coop, \$370.80; Randy Dalberg, \$375.00. Motion made by Brad Wegner to pay the August bills as presented, second made by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 9th, 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 6:53 pm.

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Parks Commission Chair