

Richland County Parks Commission
October 7th, 2019
Meeting Minutes

#1 The October 7th. 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, Steve Kohlstedt, Lon Arbegust, Shaun Murphy-Lopez and Cathy Cooper. Brad Wegner was absent, Cindy Chicker phoned in for part of the meeting.

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

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

#4 Public input; nothing.

#5. Hidden Valley Ad; the main ad in the magazine was discussed, motion made by Gary Manning to approve the main ad in the magazine for \$266 second made by Kerry Severson. Discussion followed, editing text on the ad. Commission then went to the centerfold information and the cover of the magazine. Lon will have a mockup of the centerfold and the cover for the commission to review. Motion carried.

Steve Kohlstedt motioned to have Lon Arbegust provide the commission with a mockup of the centerfold and cover with a special meeting, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#6; Bike trail update; Signage grant, Cindy Chicker discussed that the bike group has met 3 times to discuss recreation trail improvement and clean up. They are working on writing a grant through the DNR, Shaun Murphy Lopez presented the options, recreational trails program has a May 1st deadline and the to apply for the grant (handout attached to master minutes). Motion made by Kerry Severson to approve the Symons Foundation to apply for the transportation alternative grant that is due by January 1st and the recreational trail grant that is due May 1st, second made by John Collins. Motion carried. At this point Cindy left the meeting.

#7 Rifle Range; John Collins reported that the county sheriff's department, the city police department and the state patrol officers are currently using the range today and Tuesday (10/8/19) they will replace some of the boards when they are done. There is a tall pine tree that needs to be taken down before it falls on to the building.

#8 Rockbridge Park; Gary Peters reported that people were camping over the weekend in the rain. Cathy thanked Gary Manning for storing the picnic tables before we were able to get them taken to the park. John Collins and his son-in-law delivered the tables ahead of the rain. John has been chained 3 of the tables at the front shelter and 3 at the shelter near the tunnel. He also secured the tables on the back side of the park to the fence. Gary Manning reported that the tables came preassembled. John Collins will sand down some the rough areas on the tables. The restrooms need to be pumped out as they are near full.

#9 Viola Park; Gary Peters reported that a group of trout fishermen gathered at the park for the weekend of the Horse & Colt show. Steve Kohlstedt reported that when he was at the park after Gary, there was a tent and a car with no one around. Discussion followed about various things. Gary Manning would like to look farther into the original resolution regarding the park and returning it back to the village of Viola.

#10 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR; Justin Hagland is working on an agreement to have the parks commission maintain the area. When this finally happens the mowing contract will need to be updated to reflect that area.

#11; Snowmobile Alliance; Kerry reported that they are looking at rerouting the Hub City trail.

#12 Snowmobile Grant; There are 2 different bridges that need to be taken care of, motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to apply for both the Snow Valley bridge grant and the Richland Hills grant both at \$63,300 each. Second made by John Collins. Motion cared.

#13 Boat Landings; Nothing new to report.

#14 Long Range Recreation Plan; Nothing new to report. Cathy & Cindy need to select another date yet.

#15 Committee structure administration need to keep this on the agenda.

#16 Committee member reports; John Collins showed the long-range plan that the city did.

#17 Other business. Cathy presented the commission with what is still available in the budget.

#17 The following bills were presented for October; Town & Country Sanitation, \$422.13; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$431.00; John's Welding LLC, \$150.00; John Collins, \$57.35; Village of Viola, \$300.00; Richland Center Parks, \$5,000.00; Town of Marshall, \$300.00; Mick Memorial Park, \$300.00; Village of Boaz, \$300.00; Don Wanless, \$750.00; Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the October bills as presented, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday November 4th, 2019. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln. The special meeting for the Hidden Valleys ad will be October 21st, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:08 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair