

Richland County Parks Commission
February 3rd, 2020
Meeting Minutes

#1 The February 3rd, 2020 meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Peters at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Gary Peters, John Collins, Brad Wegner, Steve Kohlstedt, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Dale Bender and Cathy Cooper. Kerry Severson was 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 Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 meeting as sent out second made by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

#4 Public input; nothing.

#9 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR. Dale Bender gave an update on the project. Thought everything was good to go until someone thought a shoreland permit was needed. There is a possibility that part of the parking lot may be in the wetland, Jeff Shure, Department of Natural Resources needs to look in to this further. Dale Bender stated that if they have to, the parking lot will be made a little smaller. The project itself has been approved and Dale will forward on what he has to Cathy for her records. (remember to have the mowing contract amended to include the landing area). Dale also spoke about wellness trails at the kayak landings and they will have signage for those trails. Gary Peters as this point made a motion to approve the signage that will be needed for these trails at all of the kayak landings, second made by Steve Kohlstedt. Motion carried.

#8 Rockbridge Park; Dale Bender gave the commission an update on the park; the money for the repairs is available unfortunately the weather last year was the problem. The goal is to get everything in place before Memorial Day. The old snowmobile bridge that is at the park may or may not be used Dale is asking for some suggestions on how it can be used better.

#5. Bike trail update; A. Cathy has heard nothing from Ray Schmitz regarding his property along the trail.

#6 Rifle Range; Steve reported things look good, he put a board back up that had been knocked down. John Collins reported that the power pole hopefully will be placed this spring.

#7 Viola Park; nothing new to report.

#10 Snowmobile Alliance; Cathy received an email the Friday before the trails were opened. 3 trails were not completely opened, the Hub City trail was missing a few things that were taken care of. Chris Carley's section of trail was not opened, Cathy has tried emailing him, calling him and she has heard nothing from him. The trail was to be marked and available to be opened by the 15th of December, it is her opinion that his part of the trail not be paid for (7 miles of trail) including any hours that Chris turns in. The trail was not open yet as of January 6th, 2020. He has not been in contact with this office, she has heard that he has not been to any of the alliance meetings. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to refuse payment of that section of trail based on no documentation and send a letter to Mr. Carley the president of the alliance and the other member of the club, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. Cathy also reported that there was another portion of trail that was not open by Honkers because there was still corn on the field, then he had a family emergency. He did contact Cathy that he will have it opened as soon as he can. The trail except for Chris Carley's section was open over this last weekend. The Ithaca portion of the trail was approved by the state and that is between 12 and 13 miles. This will be part of the state trail from Vetesnik's to Bear Valley.

#11 Boat Landings; Nothing new to report.

#13 Committee member reports; Nothing new to report

#12 Long Range Recreation Plan; Cathy presented the commission with the updates for the plan. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the 5-year long-range plan, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. The budget will keep some for maintenance. At this point Brad Wegner had to leave the meeting.

#14 Other business. Review of contracts will be in March.

#15 The following bills were presented for February; Boaz Sunrise Septic Service, \$340.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$51.98; Rent-A-Flash, \$1,472.48. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the February bills as presented, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#16 The next meeting will be on Monday March 2nd, 2020. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

#17 Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to adjourn the meeting, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:12 pm.

Gary Peters

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Parks Commission Chair