

Richland County Parks Commission  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

#1 The March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:30 p.m. Those present were John Collins, Brad Wegner, Steve Kohlstedt, Gary Manning, Dale Bender, Tracy Gobin, Doug Hoffman, Bob Walsh and Cathy Cooper. Gary Peters and Cindy Chicker were absent. Kerry Severson arrived later in 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 Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting as sent out second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#8 Rockbridge Park; Cathy reported that she received a call from a Troop leader from Marshfield. They would like to camp at the park during the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup>. They do not need the water, but they would like to be able to use the pit toilets. Generally, the pit toilets are not serviced during the winter and they should bring their own toilet paper.

#11 Snowmobile Grants; A. Cathy handed out maps of all of the trails 141.3 miles would have the grant request at \$42,390. Motioned by Brad Wegner to take the 2020-2021 maintenance agreement to the County Board for approval, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. B. Bridge project. The state approved new bridges along trail behind the community center and one near Snow Valley Rd. Motion was made by Steve Kohlstedt to move forward with releasing the project out for bids with the completion date of October 1, 2020, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#16 The following bills were presented for March; Summit Companies, \$44.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$11.58; All American Do It Center, \$43.98. Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to pay the March bills as presented, second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

Brad Wegner left the meeting at 5:50.

#4 Public input; nothing.

#5. Bike trail update; Cathy met up with Tracy Gobin and Denise Lins to go over a stewardship grant that we can apply for, for bike trail maintenance, 1,000 cb. yds. per mile for screenings. Cathy & Ken are going to review the trail between Sawmill Road and Twin Bluffs to review what needs to be done, then from Twin Bluffs to Gotham with what might remain for any grant money. The grant application will be brought back to the commission in April for their approval if they wish to move forward with the grant. Dale Bender asked if the Knowles Nelson grant might be something that can be used along with the stewardship grant.

#6 Rifle Range; Steve reported things are good, he suggests that a big dumpster be brought in for the spring cleanup. Once the frost is out of the ground the stability of the standards will be reviewed.

#7 Viola Park; nothing new at this point. There is money in the budget for a new well and it should be put out for bids in May. Steve suggest that it should be one that can be turned on & off with the season.

#9 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR. Dale Bender is ready to move forward with the project. The project can begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and it must be done by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All of the spoils have to be hauled out, the rock has been donated by the wastewater facility for the phosphorus credits. Who every gets the project will have to haul in the rock, there is approximately 390 feet of rip rap to be done. The parking lot area will have room for 8 to 10 vehicles, Dale stated that there is a tree that he is going to trim, and he is hoping to have a picnic table and a bike rack. He also noted that they do not have to put this project out for bid, they can solicit the project out for someone to do the project. Steve suggested that the mowing of this site will need to be added to the mowing contract for 2021. Need to talk with Mike Drake for mowing for this season.

#10 Snowmobile Alliance; nothing new to report.

#12 Boat Landings; Nothing new to report. Will need to discuss picnic tables late and how they will be anchored.

#13 Long Range Recreation Plan; was approved at County board and Cathy has sent it on to the DNR for their review.

#14 Committee member reports; Steve asked the audience if there was anything else as the agenda was gone through rather quickly. The question asked was about the location of the kayak landing. The area is actually off of State Highway 80 South of County Highway SR.

Kerry Severson arrived at 6:25. He informed the commission that he has GPS'd the snowmobile trails. He is hoping that Lynn in the Land Information office would help create a bigger better map just for the alliance

#15 Other business. Contracts will be on the April agenda.

#17 The next meeting will be on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln.

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

Meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

*John Collins*

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair