

Richland County Parks Commission
April 6, 2020
Meeting Minutes

- #1 The April 6, 2020 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:35 p.m via Webex. Those present were John Collins, Brad Wegner, Steve Kohlstedt, Kerry Severson, Gary Manning, Cindy Chicker, Bob Walsh and Cathy Cooper. Gary Peters joined later in the meeting.
- #2 The amended agenda was mailed out and it was posted at the Courthouse bulletin board. Steve Kohlstedt motioned to approve the amended agenda and proof of notification second made by Brad Wegner. Roll call vote. Collins, Kohlstedt, Wegner, Severson, Chicker and Manning all voting aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- #3 Motion made by Steve Kohlstedt to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting as sent out second made by Kerry Severson. Roll call vote. Collins, Kohlstedt, Wegner, Severson, Chicker and Manning all voting aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- #4 Public input; Bob Walsh reminded the commission that the state recommends that public parks, ranges need to be kept open. He is concerned about agenda item #6 A, Possible closure of the rifle range. John said that it will be discussed tonight.
- #5 Bike Trail; A. Mowing bid. Cathy reported that the bids will be advertised this month for the May meeting. Gary Peters joined the meeting at this time. B. Trail grant. Cathy talked about what to put in the grant. She will work with Cheryl Housley from DNR to figure out how to write the grant. Cindy Chicker motioned to approve applying for the DNR Trail Rehabilitation grant for up to \$40,000 with a \$40,000 match from the county including donation and in-kind hours. Seconded by Gary Peters. Roll call vote. Collins, Kohlstedt, Wegner, Severson, Chicker, Manning and Peters all voting aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- #6 Rifle Range; A. Possible closure. John reported that he was out there at 5:05 pm tonight and it was clean. Cathy reported that she had posted the possible closure because of the mess some people had left. People stepped up and cleaned up. Dumpster has been delivered. Gary Manning asked how many boards were left as he is tearing down a house and would have boards if needed. John said that there are 9 smaller boards there, but bigger, thicker boards are needed.
- #7 Viola Park; nothing new at this point.
- #8. Rockbridge Park; Cathy reported that the park is being used. The well test she sent in last week sending the normal way through the post office wasn't received in time. Well was retested today and sent through Speedy Delivery service. An email was sent asking about camping. Cathy told them no camping at this time because of the Covid-19. Steve said Blackhawk Lake is not allowing camping so feels it is a good practice.
- #9 Kayak Landing at State Highway 80 & County Highway SR. Cathy reported that permits have been granted, just waiting for the window when construction is allowed.
- #10 Snowmobile Alliance; nothing new to report.
- #11 Snowmobile Grants; Cathy was contacted by Eric Siemandel about some sites to apply snowmobile grants to make repairs to the trails. Grants are due April 15th. Not enough time to put grant together. Needs county board resolution which won't happen until April 21st.
- #12 Boat Landings; Nothing new to report.
- #13 Long Range Recreation Plan; Nothing new
- #14 Commission member reports; nothing

#15 Other Business; A. Review contracts; Cathy presented contracts for Mike Drake for mowing the parks with no change and Town and Country Sanitation for the dumpsters at \$423.15 per month. Steve Kohlstedt moved to approve the contracts with Mike Drake and Town and Country Sanitation. Seconded by Kerry Severson. Roll call vote. Collins, Kohlstedt, Wegner, Severson, Chicker, Manning and Peters. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#16 Bills; Line item postal transfer for postage from Parks to Land Conservation \$10.20, Fastenal for Snowmobile grant \$36.77. Roll call vote. Manning, Kohlstedt, Wegner, Chicker, Collins, Peters, Severson all voted aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

#17 The next meeting will be on Monday May 4, 2020. Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Ag Service Center, 26136 Executive Ln or on Webex if the Safer at Home is still in place.

Kerry wanted to thank Gary Peters and Brad Wegner for their service on the Parks Commission as this was their last meeting.

#18 Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting, second made by John Collins. Roll call vote. Collins, Kohlstedt, Severson, Wegner, Chicker, Manning and Peters all voting aye, 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:24 pm.

John Collins

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair