

Richland County Parks Commission
October 5, 2020
Meeting Minutes

#1 The October 5, 2020 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Tim Gottschall, Brad Wagner, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, and Cathy Cooper. John Collins, Eric Siemandel and Barb Scott via WebEx.

#2 The agenda was mailed out and it was properly posted. Gary Manning moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

#3 Chairman Kerry Severson declared the minutes of August 31st, 2020 approved as printed.

#4 Public Input - none

#5 Pine River Recreational Trail – Cathy received an email from the state that the grant was approved for the needed maintenance on the trail. Now we need to put a plan together to prioritize the projects and then put it out for bids. There are matches with this grant from Symons and from the money that has been borrowed. Eric Siemandel, Kerry Severson, Tracy Gobin, Cindy Chicker and Cathy Cooper will get together before the next Commission meeting to review what needs to be done first. The bridges need to be stained and repaired.

#6 Rifle Range – Cathy has received an email from a user of the range. He stated that the range needs to have some updates on the stands that hold the targets. He is proposing to install new wooden holders for the various ranges and he will donate the materials & time to complete the project. All he is asking is to have the range shut down while he does the project. The commission thinks if he would reset the steel holders instead of replacing them with wood. John Collins will talk with him. Cathy will forward his information on to John Collins. Kerry Severson suggested to check with the Pine River Gun Club regarding the 200-foot range. The range will start up getting busier come November first for hunting. Kerry Severson asking about board for the range, John informed the commission that they are in need of board. Motioned by Gary Manning to purchase rough cut boards from the Rockbridge Sawmill for up to \$300.00, second made by Brad Wagner. Motion carried.

#7 Viola Park – Cathy still needs to contact B & L Signs for the carry in carry out signs. The old well at the park had been abandoned it was 100ft deep. The finance committee would like the commission to get quotes o installing a new well. Commission got side track talking about the repair of the steps at Rockbridge. John Collins would like to see a study done on how much the Viola Park is actually used before the County puts money into a new well, John Collins and Gary Manning would much rather invest in Rockbridge Park. The money for the well is part of the money that is being borrowed. Eric Siemandel also agrees with John & Gary to put the money into Rockbridge Park. Motion by Brad Wegner to contact a well driller for a quote, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#8 Rockbridge Park – the landing has been installed and there is a gravel pad down to the landing. Chairman Kerry Severson was at the park today the park looked great, the brush around the rock has been cleaned up. John Collins would like to invest more into the park for access all away around the rock and develop a plan to present to the finance/personnel committee to show what could be done. Motion by Gary Manning to meet with Jeff Shure, DNR for placement of a bridge on the back side of the rock, second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried. IF there are more camp sites developed, we will need to go to the state. Chairman Kerry Severson would like to have 3 commission members gather to come up with a plan for future use for the park and then attach this to the long-range plan. Motion made by Cindy Chicker to have Eric Siemandel, Gary Manning & John Collins as a study group for a long-range plan. Second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

#10 Highway Department Mowing proposal update – Cathy report that the Highway Commissioner is looking at higher a summer intern for mowing and he was asking if this would be of interest for the parks commission. The highway department mowed Rockbridge park to get a measure of how long it would take to mow. However, our current mower does more than mow. Cathy did mention that the mowing of the bike trail would be that needs to be done as the current mower is getting ready to retire.

#9 Kayak landing - Kerry reported that Randy Olson has started the project and he will be back to get it finished up at a later date once the vegetation gets broke down.

#11 Hidden Valleys – Any County Board member can be on the Hidden Valley Board however they would have to report back to the parks commission with updates and any financial obligations or anything else being changed b to the advertising would have to be approved by the full Parks Commission.

#12 Snowmobile Alliance – nothing new to report. Kerry reported that within the next three years all groomers that are used on funded trails will have a gps tracking device installed by the state.

#13 Snowmobile grants – waiting for the DNR permit.

#15 Boat landings – nothing to report at this time

#18 Bills. Parks: Town & Country, \$422.12; Nature's Way, \$481.50; Jim Husnik, \$200.44; Premier Coop. \$283.18; Sharon Miller, \$90.00; Village of Lone Rock, \$300.00; Village of Cazenovia, \$300.00; Mick Memorial Park, \$300.00; Village of Boaz, 300.00; J. Don Wanless, \$750.00. Brad Wagner moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#14 Update on County owned real estate Parcels #022-3522-2000 and #146-4830-0309 Kerry Severson spoke with Todd Rumbler, County Surveyor regarding the Unbehaun parcel next to #022-3522-2000, when this is ready there will be a special meeting special scheduled Todd will draft up a proposal for this access issue and he will get back to Kerry Severson. Parcel #146-4830-0309, the rail road still has some issues with the track. Kerry Severson spoke with Todd also on this and Todd will get back to Kerry.

#16 Commission member reports – Cindy Chicker had a question for the snowmobile alliance regarding the gravel behind the shed and where should it be moved to for future use. This could possibly move to behind the shed.

#17 Other business- Nothing

Next meeting is November 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. There may be a special meeting regarding the Unbehuan parcel.

Motioned by John Collins to adjourn the meeting, second by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:10pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair