

Richland County Parks Commission  
November 2, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

#1 The November 2, 2020 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Cindy Chicker, John Collins, Eric Siemandel, Brad Wegner, Barb Scott and Cathy Cooper. All are via WebEx. Gary Manning and Tim Gottschall were absent.

#2 The agenda was mailed out and it was properly posted. Eric Siemandel moved to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#3 Motion made by John Collins to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting as sent out second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input

#5 Pine River Recreational Trail- Eric Siemandel is putting up the snowmobile trail signs, he will haul screenings to the wash out areas on the trail. West end of Bridge #2 will put rock down because of a wash out. Cindy Chicker spoke of issues with Bridges 8 & 9 there are a few trees that have had some beaver action on the trees. The grant that Cathy is working on will highlight the trail issues between Twin Bluffs to Gotham. There are a couple of culverts that need to be replaced. The screenings at the snowmobile garage will be used up when Eric is done. The DNR property along the trail across from Henpeck Ln is posted closed to hunting.

#6 Rifle Range – Cathy reported for Tim Gottschall, the Trail Life USA scouting organization is looking at doing a clean up project in the month of November. The scouts are learning about gun safety and they would like to clean up the range. They would like to do this after hours on either the 14<sup>th</sup> or the 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion made by John Collins to approve the Trail Life USA to clean up the rifle range after dark on either the 14<sup>th</sup> or the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, Second made by Brad Wegner. Motion carried. Once the date is confirmed Tammy will order a larger dumpster for the organization to use.

#7 Viola Park- The no dumping signs were reviewed, Cathy presented 2 different options for the commission to choose from. All members selected option 1. Motion made by Eric Siemandel to purchase 2 of option 1, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. Cathy reported that there is a TV in the fence line that needs to be removed. Kerry Severson reported that he was at the park recently and everything looked very well kept. There was a couple of campers. Kerry Severson had not looked into the well drilling options as of yet. The creation of an ordinance regarding wheeled vehicles or campers off of black top not being allowed on the grounds of the park. This will be on the December agenda.

#8 Rockbridge Park- Eric Siemandel has put together a list of items for consideration, he will email the list to Cathy and she will forward it on to the commission members for the December meeting.

#9 approval of Mike Drake's final 10% - Motion made by Brad Wegner to approve the final 10% pay to Mike Drake, second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#10 Kayak landing – nothing to report. Kerry Severson did show the commission what the area currently looks like.

#11 Highway Department mowing proposal – Cathy reported that the proposal would be cheaper by approximately \$1,076.51. However, the Highway Department does not put into consideration the cleaning of the bathrooms twice a week and taking the garbage out of the bathrooms on a weekly basis. Cathy would like to have a commission member attend the next meeting. The commission does not want to change, they are happy with Mr. Drake's service.

#12 Hidden Valleys – The county board voted to approve structure changes. The administrator has the power to appoint a County Board member to the Hidden Valley board. Before any financial decision were make regarding parks the administrator will need to report to the parks commission. Ideally the member on the Hidden Valley Board would be the Tourism Director however, with the financial strains with the County this will not happen for a few years.

#13 Snowmobile Alliance – the alliance has met. Not a lot of signs have gone up yet for the trails, but they are working on it. Eric Siemandel has spoken with the construction company, they need to have the area of the bridges marked and some gravel delivered at each site, Eric has been in contact with Randy Olson for the gravel, the bridges should be put in in the early part of December. Need to contact Carol Keller at Richland Hills Apartments for the best way to gain access for the bridge placement. The Snow Valley Bridge placement property owner is under a trust and will need to be contacted. The State is looking at eliminating a few things regarding right of ways. Cathy will talk with Dave Fry with the city parks.

#14 Snowmobile grants- Cathy ask to have the alliance to let her know after the first of the year what needs to be done for other bridges.

#15 Update on the 2 county owned parcels. Cathy received an email from Clinton, County Administrator asking about what Ash Creek Community Forest has regarding an Ordinance for hunting. She sent him what the Land Conservation Department has in the ordinance. regarding shooting on the property, this will be incorporated into the parcel 022-3522-2000. Kerry was showing the commission members where the property is at that we are referring to. The county surveyor has come up with a proposal of \$3,700.00 for the survey of the property along with an easement of 15' for a sidewalk from Pine Valley to this property. There are some issues that still need to be worked out before this is presented to property owner Unbehaun. Kerry had emailed this information to Cathy. Next step is to present one of the options to Unbehaun. John Collins and the other board members agree of moving forward with the survey to present to Allen Unbehaun. This will be on the December agenda. Nothing on the Lone Rock parcel at this point, we need to get an answer from the railroad.

#16 Boat landings- nothing to report.

#17 Commission member reports- nothing to report

#18 Other business- Citizen of the County is looking to help cleaning up some of the parks.

#19 Bills for November, Town & Country, \$110.81; Nature's Way, \$440.00; Mike Drake, \$510.00; Rent a Flash, \$3,899.80; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$52.09. John Collins moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Brad Wegner. Motion carried.

Next meeting is December 7, 2020, at 5:30 pm this meeting will be both in the office and via WebEx.

Motion made by Brad Wegner to adjourn the meeting second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:09 pm.

*Kerry Severson*  
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Parks Commission Chair