

Richland County Parks Commission
December 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes

#1 The December 7, 2020 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:58 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Tim Gottschall, Eric Siemandel, and Cathy Cooper. Barb Scott and John Collins were via WebEx. Brad Wegner was absent.

#2 The agenda was mailed/mailed, and it was properly posted. Moved by Gary Manning to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#3 Motion made by Tim Gottschall to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting as sent out second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input

#5 Pine River Recreational Trail – Eric Siemandel has put some screening down in areas that needed it. Still need to do some surveying on the trail when Ken Anderson is available.

#6 Rifle Range – Tim Gottschall and the Life Boys group cleaned up the range, Cathy handed out pictures showing the cleanup. Tim informed the commission that the same group would be interested in replacing the standards. John Collins currently is waiting on a call back from someone else that was going to update the standards. We need to get wood planks for the range. Gary Manning could have some planks from some demolition projects that he is doing. In the meantime, Cathy will ask the Rockbridge sawmill about getting some White Oak planks. 2x8 planks, 8 ft long. Send a thank you card to the group that cleaned up the range.

#7 Viola Park- signs need to be placed for carry in carry out garbage. Nothing new to report regarding the well.

#8 Rockbridge Park – the toilets have been pumped out. Gary Manning is still trying to get in contact with DNR representative Jeff Shure about placing the trailer flat as a bridge on the back side of the park. Eric Siemandel has a list of improvement suggestions for the park. This will be sent out with the January agenda.

#9 Kayak landing – nothing new to report. Kerry did report that the landing is in place.

#10 Hidden Valley – nothing new. Gary Manning make motion to drop out of Hidden Valleys and ask Clinton Langreck, County Administrator for his advice on the next step, also he will speak with Marty Richards, Department of Tourism, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#11 Snowmobile Alliance – The November meeting for the alliance did not have a quorum. Trails are in for Richland Center to Boaz and then Boaz to Readstown. Trails are being marked toward rolling ground, still some landowner issues. The Ithaca trail is halfway done, County line back to the Richland Cattle Center. Cattle Center to the bike trail needs to be done yet. Hub City trail is not in as of yet, still waiting on a landowner near County Hwy I. The Householder quarry will not allow the trail to go through next year as they are actively mining. The Blue River trail will not be happening again this year. (John Collins has to leave the meeting for another meeting). The miles that will not be a part of the grant needs to be reported to Cathy as that is money that cannot be request for reimbursement.

#12 Snowmobile grants – The Richland Hills Bridge will start on Monday 12/14/2020 and the Snow Valley Bridge will begin after the other bridge is completed. There are 3 riprap sites and 2 bridges that may need to be looked at for the following year grant. This will be on the January agenda.

#13 Update on county owned parcel #022-3522-2000 – Motion made by Gary Manning to have Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick draw up agreement between Richland County and the Unbehaun Revocable Trust (landowner) and to have the County Surveyor to do the work, second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried. Cathy will contact Ben with what the commission has discussed.

#14. Boat landings – Need to place no garbage receptacles on site. Carry in and Carry out signs will be placed.

#15 Commission member reports – none.

#16 Other business – none.

#17 Bills for December: Nature’s Way Portable Units, \$114.50; Boaz Sunrise Septic Service, \$345.00; City of Richland Center, \$5,000.00; Richland County Hwy Department, \$674.12; Walsh’s Ace Hardware, \$25.46; All American Do it Center, \$ 268.13; Wanless Excavating, \$1,250.00; Rent-A-Flash, \$3,122.40. Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the December bills as presented. Second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#18 Next meeting is January 4th, 2021, at 5:30 pm. This meeting may be held at the courthouse with better internet access.

#19 Motion made by Tim Gottschall to adjourn the meeting second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

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Parks Commission Chair