

Richland County Parks Commission
January 4th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- #1 The January 4th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:31 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, John Collins and Cathy Cooper. Barb Scott was via WebEx. Brad Wegner and Tim Gottschall were absent.
- #2 The agenda was mailed/mailed, and it was properly posted. Moved by Cindy Chicker to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.
- #3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting as sent out second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.
- #4 Public Input- No Public Input
- #5 Bike Trail (Pine River Recreational Trail) – We did get the grant, now we need to get volunteer hours taken care of from the Symons Foundation. Drinking water in the Twin Bluffs area would be nice. Magnetic signs for trucks when work is being done on the trail. Gary Manning asked about dogs on the trail (black-top part of the Trail is part of the city and dogs are allowed. Cathy will check in with B-L signs about magnetic park commission signs for vehicles on the trail.
- #6 Rifle Range – Shooting standards, no one has gotten back to any of the commission members. Gary Manning did take a few planks out to the range. Gary also handed out some disturbing pictures of a shot up deer carcass. Cathy will get the phone number and hours of operation of the Rockbridge Sawmill to John Collins, he can contact them for planks. Anything over 6ft and less than 3 inches thick would be good. Prefer hard wood. The range is consistently busy.
- #7 Rockbridge Park. Proposed updates were sent out to the commission and reviewed at the meeting. Layout camp sites and number them with tent only on the back side of the rock. Need to update the water hydrant. Need a map with a layout of the camping sites available on the property. Use Tire rings for fire pits. The stairway will have some maintenance done to it this summer. Will need to review the list in March to figure some match grants in 2022.
- #8 Viola Park – John & Gary will get the signs posted regarding carry in carry out.
- #9 Kayak landing – need to contact Mike Drake for the mowing of this location.
- #10 Snowmobile Alliance – trails are not open at this point. Dustin Wanless will be the person to make the call as to open the trails or not. The official sites to confirm if trails are open will be both WRCO radio and the Alliance Facebook page. Dustin Wanless is the interim president. Elections will be in April for the alliance officers.
- #11 Snowmobile grant – both bridges are in and they both came in underbudget. New grants applications will go through a new process.
- #12 Boat landings – nothing new to report.
- #15 Commission member reports – John is working with the Tourism director, Marty Richards to start promoting Richland County for recreation. Cindy is also working with Tourism for snowshoeing both city and county parks. Kerry reported that there are some issues to deal with Pine Valley Board of Trustees. One of the trustees is asking for more research to be done. The resolution should be at the next monthly county board meeting.
- #16 Other business – none.
- #17 Bills for January; Town & Country Sanitation, \$590.81; B-L Signs \$118.78; Hidden Valleys Inc., \$1,367.96; Richland County Highway Commission, \$74.72; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$189.11; All American Do it Center, \$185.94; Custom Manufacturing, \$59,500.00; Custom Manufacturing, \$59,500.00; Randy Olson Trucking LLC, \$1,038.00 Motion made by John Collins to approve the January bills as presented. Second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.
- #18 Next meeting is February 1st, 2021, at 5:30 pm. This meeting may be held at the courthouse with better internet access.
- #19 Motion made by John Collins to adjourn the meeting second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair