

Richland County Parks Commission  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

- #1 The February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:30 p.m. Those present were John Collins, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, Tim Gottschall, Tracy Gobin, Barb Scott, Jason Marshall and Cathy Cooper. Kerry Severson was absent. Brad Wegner has resigned.
- #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 Tim Gottschall to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting as sent out second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.
- #4 Public Input- none.
- #5 Bike Trail (Pine River Recreational Trail) – The rough trail signs are at the office. The trail closed signs are at the conservation building when needed. Cathy & Ken have not been down the trail to review what needs to be done. Cindy Chicker is looking for a person to speak with the rotary club in March regarding the trail and the long-range plan for the trail.
- #6 Rifle Range – John Collins spoke with Bill at the Rockbridge Sawmill. The mill has White Oak planks 2x6x 8ft for \$12.00 and 2x8x 8ft for \$16.00. John will take his trailer to the mill and get a dozen boards. John also reported that snowplowing for the range has not been done. Richland Township has hired a new company for plowing, they haven't plowed out the parking area. Tim Gottschall will speak with the County highway department about the parking lot.
- #7 Rockbridge Park – John, Eric & Kerry have not met yet. The park trail has been named as one of the top 12 hikes in Wisconsin, Cathy shared this article on the Parks Facebook page and Tammy has it on the County Parks page. The park can have up to 25 camping sites with the current license. John reported that there are some concerts scheduled in the area for the 2021 season and the park may be busy with campers this coming season. The license is renewed on an annual basis. Richland Center City Parks, Dave Fry has asking about picnic tables.
- #8 Viola Park – John Collins has gotten the carry in carry out sign is up.
- #9 Kayak landing – Mike Drake will mow this for the 2021 season, he will bill the commission for his time at \$25-\$30 an hour and then the 2022 contract will have this site added. John Collins would like to get have signage up for the landing, this will have to be approved by either the state department of transportation and or the department of natural resources.
- #10 Snowmobile Alliance – Eric Siemandel reported that the trails were open over the weekend. There are currently closed in hopes for more snow later this week. Question was brought up regarding other use on the snowmobile trails that go through private property, and the answer is no, the trails cannot be used for anything else by the public. There was a suggestion for signage when the public trail (Pine River Recreational Trail) is being used for snowmobiles.
- #11 Snowmobile grant – Cathy & Ken reviewed the two riprap sites. Cathy will get the application put together for the rehab grant for these sites. There is a bridge grant and the annual maintenance grant. Cathy needs to review the process of resolutions for the County Board with Clinton, County Administrator. The resolutions will be taken to the full County Board in March for approval.
- #12 Boat landings – the carry in carry out signs are placed.
- #13 Hidden Valley – nothing at this point.
- #14 Commission member reports - nothing.
- #15 Other business – The commission would like this to read “Future agenda items” on the agenda.
- #16 Bills for February; Richland County Zoning, \$50.00; J & J Equipment LLC, \$500.00; Gary Herritz Trucking, \$500.00. Motion made by Cindy Chicker to approve the February bills as presented. Second made by Eric Siemandel, discussion the bridge location needs to be GPS'd. Motion carried.
- #17 Next meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the courthouse with better internet access.
- #18 Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

*John Collins*

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair