

Richland County Parks Commission

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Meeting Minutes

- #1 The March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:37 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, Tim Gottschall, Lucy & Ralph of LNR Services LLC, and Cathy Cooper. Cindy Chicker and Tracy Gobin attended by web-ex. John Collins was absent. Shaun Murphy-Lopez arrived later.
- #2 The agenda was mailed/emailed, 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 Eric Siemandel to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting as sent out second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.
- #4 Public Input- No Public Input
- #5 Contracts for the 2021 season. A. Mike Drake mowing – LNR services is asking to bid on servicing & mowing of the parks, this contract will be on hold until it can be put out for bids and opened at the April meeting. Item's B-D, Town & Country Sanitation, Nature's Way Portable Units and Boaz Sunrise Septic Services were all reviewed, motion made by Gary Manning to approve these three contracts, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.
- #6 Bike Trail (Pine River Recreational Trail) A. Lone Rock Trail Head – Tracy Gobin presented the commission with information regarding the CGD grant money that is available for the Lone Rock Village Park at East Liberty St to Doctor's St. This park will have the signage directing people. B. Connecting to Talliesin Trail – Township of Spring Green is looking at redoing Kennedy Rd. with bike lanes to connect the Pine River Trail with the Talliesin Trail. When all of the trails get connected it is being suggested that the trail would be renamed to the "Frank Lloyd Wright Trail". This commission is stating that they would prefer to keep the Pine River Trail name. Gary Manning brought up the mowing of the trail for 2021 season, Cathy will have the specification for this at the special meeting for the commission to go over. Some brush work and rehabilitation will need to be done on the trail. The rehabilitation of the trail is part of the grant.
- #7 Rifle Range – Tim was not sure if the parking area has been plowed.
- #8 Rockbridge Park – We need to send plans & maps of proposed additional camping spots to DATCP. The permit is for 1-25 spots and we currently only have 10 spots noted. John Collins is not at the meeting to report on the staircase to the top of the rock. Gary Manning has not heard from Jeff Shure, DNR regarding the bridge placement on the back site of the rock.
- #9 Viola Park – Cathy will send out letters for well drillers to get estimates on what it would cost to drill a well at the park.
- #10 Kayak landing – nothing to report.
- #11 Snowmobile Alliance – The trails were open for over 20 days. The trail maps were handed out to a hand full of riders. (Web-Ex issues still had a quorum) will need to be turned in bills by the end of May. The bills from Cazenovia have not been paid as the bridge location had not been verified.
- #12 Snowmobile grants – We will need secure easements from the property owners where the bridges are located. Cathy is also putting in for 1 more grant of \$63,300 for a bridge. Chair Severson stated to keep moving forward with the grant application process but move forward with easements for the bridge location. There is some riprapping that needs to be done on 2 sites. Maintenance grant. Motion made by Eric Siemandel to approve applications for the bridge grant, the trail stabilization grants and the maintenance grant. Second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.
- #13 Boat landings – nothing to report.
- #14 Pine Valley Site – Access is the issue. No physical access available and this needs to go back to County Board to repeal action to sell. Motion made by Gary Manning to have Kerry discuss this with Richard McKee of the property committee to get on the agenda for the next meeting. Second made by Tim Gottschall. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
- #15 Hidden Valley - how to withdraw? Letter of withdraw the group will need to be done, before 2022. Motion made by Tim Gottschall to issue a letter if intent to withdraw from the magazine for 2022, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.
- #16 Commission member reports – none.
- #17 Future agenda items – nothing at this time.

#18 Bills for March; Rockbridge Sawmill, \$192.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$79.07; Richland County Highway Commission, \$427.59. Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the March bills as presented. Second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#19 Next meeting is special meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:30 for the purpose of reviewing bid specifications for mowing & Servicing of Parks & Pine River Recreational Trail. Regular meeting of Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>. 2021, at 5:30 pm. Both meeting will be held at the courthouse with better internet access/Web-Ex.

#20 Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

*Kerry Severson*

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Parks Commission Chair