

Richland County Parks Commission  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

#1 The April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, John Collins, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, Tim Gottschall, Cindy Chicker, Jason & Doug Huffman and Cathy Cooper. Tracy Gobin, Chad Clary and LNR Services LLC attended by web-ex.

#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 John Collins to approve the minutes of the March 1 & 4 2021 meeting as sent out second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5 Bid opening for Parks Mowing and maintenance for the 2021 season. Bids were received by Home Free for \$8,600.00; Mike Drake Mowing for \$8,400.00 and from LNR Services for \$9,500.00. After reviewing the bids motion was made by John Collins to approve the Mike Drake mowing bid of \$8,400.00, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#6 Bike Trail (Pine River Recreational Trail) Bid opening for the mowing of the trail. Mike Drake Mowing \$240.00 per mowing; LNR Services, \$700.00 per mowing; Jim Stanek \$750.00 per mowing. Motion made by John Collins to accept Mike Drake Mowing bid for \$240.00 per mowing with the condition that Mike show the commission with the equipment that he will be using to do the mowing. Second made by Gary Manning, after further discussion John Collins rescinded his motion, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. This will go to County Board for final approval. Eric Siemandel motioned to reject all bids for the mowing of the Pine River Recreational trail and have the bids resubmit with specifications of 5ft width of mowing off of the limestone edge of the trail. Second made by Cindy Chicker; amendment to the motion also to have equipment to handle brush up to 2" brush in diameter. Second to the amendment by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried. Cathy & Ken will try to go down the trail and put together a plan for resurfacing between County Highway TB and Gotham. Cindy Chicker is planning a trail clean up event in late April early May. Need to have someone to grate the trail to help smooth it out.

#7 Rifle Range – boards are good.

#8 Rockbridge Park – A. Suspension bridge permit – Gary & Kerry met with Jeff Shure, DNR and he gave immediate approval to use the semi trail flat. Gary found the flat for \$8,500.00, Cathy will get the permit through the DNR, this will have to go through a credit card. Jason Marshall let Cathy know that the Sheriff's department and HHS both have credit cards. There is a tree that needs to be taken care of at the second flight of stairs before the landing is gone. John Collins also checked into some picnic tables that are made from recycled material and they are quite heavy. Fire rings for camp sites on the back side of the rock. Possible 6 tent camp sites on the back side of the rock at 2 RV sites by the kayak landing. Motion made by Gary Manning to approve purchase of the trailer flat bed of \$8500.00 and have it delivered to the park after the DNR permit has been received., second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#9 Viola Park – nothing new to report.

#10 Kayak landing – the highway department has white arrow signs; they will install and charge the Parks Commission for the signs and the installation.

#11 Snowmobile Alliance – Landowners fed is this weekend at the Phoenix on Saturday and the at Turbos on Sunday.

#12 Snowmobile grants – finishing them up for the bridge on the Miese property and riprap near the foot bridge and the bridge at Schreiber's East.

#13 Boat landings – the Land Conservation Department will be hosting a clean water invasive species at the Port Andrews landing. The Orion landing has some complaints regarding the actual landing. The approach needs to be redesigned.

#14 Pine Valley Site – Property committee rescinded the resolution to sell the property, so this will be going back to County Board. The other issue is that the Corporation Counsel has resigned, the interim counsel is Julie Dadoun. Gary Manning will be talking with Allen Unbehaun regarding the status of this project.

#15 Hidden Valley - Cathy will need to talk with Clinton to issue a letter of resigning membership.

#16 Commission member reports – John Collins spoke with Tourism helping the county using the parks.

#17 Future agenda items – nothing at this time.

#18 Bills for April; Summit Fire Protection, \$16.75. Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the April bills as presented. Second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#19 Next meeting is Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 5:30 pm. 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 Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:45pm.

*Kerry Severson*

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