

Richland County Parks Commission

May 3rd 2021

Meeting Minutes

#1 The May 3rd, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, John Collins, Tim Gottschall, Cindy Chicker, Barb Scott and Cathy Cooper. Gary Manning and Eric Siemandel were absent.

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

#Chair Kerry Severson approved the minutes of the April 5th, 2021 meeting as sent out.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5A. Bid opening for the mowing of the Pine River Bike Trail – received 3 bids, LNR Services LLC, \$650.00; Mike's Mowing, \$240.00; and James Stanek, \$750.00; after reviewing the bids motion was made by John Collins to accept the LNR Services LLC bid of \$650.00 per mowing for the months of May, June, July, August and September, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#5B. Rotary Grant money – Cindy Chicker discussed this. The Rotary club would like permission from the parks commission to proceed with writing the grant. They will be doing the writing of the grant; the grant money would be gifted to the Symons Foundation in the name of the Pine River Recreational Trail. Looking at placing benches in various locations along the trail, a round concrete picnic table, a bike rack and some extra concrete at the TB shelter for a self-fix it station. Future planning would be overnight parking at Cruson Slough with a light.

#5C. Trail grading – Ron Fruit has equipment that would work to grade the trail, he will volunteer to grade the trail when asked. We do have a 3pt pull behind grader that is at the snowmobile shed however, no one has used it. After further discussion of whether the commission takes Ron up on his offer or we rent a tractor and use the equipment we have the subject was dropped and Chair Severson went on to the next agenda item.

#6 Rifle Range – no one has been out to the range.

#7 Rockbridge Park – A. Suspension bridge permit – Gary Manning was not at the meeting to give information on the bridge, still need permission from the commission to take the transfer of money from Viola Park well project to this project. Motion made by John Collins to take the transfer of money from Viola Park well project to the Rockbridge suspension bridge project or from the non-lapsing balance and get the bridge (flatbed trailer) purchased for \$8,500.00., second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried. Cathy reported that she does have access to a credit card to pay for the purchase of the permit for the bridge. Cathy will work with Gary Manning with what needs to be done for the DNR permit.

John Collins handed out a map with potential sites and primitive RV camp sites off of Old County Hwy D at the park. He has 15 possible sites. Map attached to hard copy of minutes.

#8 Viola Park – A. Picnic tables, Mike Drake reported that the tables are getting bad, John Collins does have a contact person to obtain some new tables for less than \$1,000.00 per table. John will have more information at the next meeting. B. Transfer of the money was discussed with Rockbridge.

#9 Kayak landing – Cathy received an email from the DOT regarding the signs for the landing all is good.

#10 Snowmobile Alliance – The season is over, Kerry Severson handed out a map with a proposed shelter at the shed (map is attached with the hard copy of minutes). John Collins and Cindy Chicker feel that this is a great idea.

#11 Snowmobile grants – still need to find out if the bridge in Cazenovia is part of the state trail before the 2 different bills are paid. Need to contact Kurt Byfield from the state and/or Elaine Hatfield, Cazenovia snowmobile club. Commission will not pay the bill until they know that the site in question is part of the state trail.

#12 Boat landings. John Schweitzer sent an email regarding the Orion boat landing; Mr. Schweitzer is willing to design something better for the landing area. Cindy Chicker's husband suggested a possible wing dam that would need possibly both the Lowered Wisconsin Riverway Board and the WI DNR approval.

#13 Pine Valley Site – nothing to report as Gary Manning was going to speak with Allen Unbehaun.

#14 Hidden Valley – Cathy has contacted Clinton regarding the process of leaving them.

#15 Commission member reports – Cindy Chicker was approached by a member of the Richland County Historical Society; they would like to be on a future agenda regarding the Akey School museum.

#16 Future agenda items – Akey School museum.

#17 Bills for May; Town & Country Sanitation, \$316.59; Richland Observer, \$207.90; Sharon Miller, \$6.00; Cathy Cooper, \$9.84. Motion made by John Collins to approve the May bills as presented. Second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#18 Next meeting is Monday June 7th, 2021, at 5:30 pm. meeting will be held at the courthouse with better internet access/Web-Ex.

#20 Motion made by Tim Gottschall to adjourn the meeting second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:37pm.

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Parks Commission Chair