

Richland County Parks Commission
August 2nd, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- #1 The August 2nd, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:35 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, John Collins, Eric Siemandel, Tim Gottschall, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning and Cathy Cooper. Danielle Cooper was 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 John Collins. Motion carried.
- #3 Hearing no corrections Chair Severson declared the minutes of the July 6th, 2021 meeting approved as sent out.
- #4 Public Input- No Public Input.
- #5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – A. Action Plan- This was requested in July to have on the agenda for August. Need to put together a 5-year plan and set up a budget. Eric Siemandel suggested getting gates put up in the summertime so bikers and walkers can get thru and the mower can open up to mow. Discussion continued with possible grants or capital funds. B. Rehab projects – we need to rebid the project on the trail because there are a few things that need to be adjusted and focus on the resurfacing of the trail. Cindy Chicker informed the rest of the commission that we need to have the middle of the trail mowed as the weeds are getting into the peddles of bikes. Cathy will contact the mower regarding mowing 5’ off the trail and the middle. Kerry would like to have game cameras on the trail and have the sheriff’s department be responsible to review the cameras.
- #6 Rifle Range – John Collins was out there shortly after the July meeting. Sheriff’s department forgot to remove the closed sign the last time they were out there. John Collins reminded them that they need take the closed sign down when they are done.
- #7 Rockbridge Park – Cathy reported that the permit for the bridge has been approved, the permit was issued but she didn’t receive the first email. Since then the permit has been issued and the bridge is going in this week. Gary will need some supplies for the placement of the bridge. Motion made by John Collins to approve up to \$600.00 for supplies to place the bridge, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.
- #8 Viola Park – Cathy called the well driller and left a message with customer service and has heard nothing back the commission suggested to call Sam’s well drilling. All are very busy. Cathy informed the commission regarding the aquatic invasive species signs that the land conservation office has.
- #9 Kayak landing – This is being used by all for fishing, rest stop and kayaks.
- #10 Snowmobile Alliance – they did get a new piece of grooming equipment.
- #11 Snowmobile grants – Cathy received an email from Kurt Byfield from the state and he needs to verify prices are still good for the Muscoda bridge.
- #12 Boat landings – They are all being used. The Land Conservation office has a grant for clean boat clean water and she spent some time at the Port Andrews landing.
- #13 Pine Valley Site – Kerry Severson had not had a chance to follow up with this.

#14 Hidden Valley – The Finance committee wants to keep this. Cathy has asked what department is going to take this over and pay for it because the Parks Commission does not want to keep it.

#15 2022 Budget – need to list what needs to be done with use of Funds 75 & 92 with approximate cost.

#16 Commission member reports – none

#17 Future agenda items – list of projects, Camping fees.

#18 Bills for August; Town & Country Sanitation, \$427.40; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$426.50; Sharon Miller, \$42.00; LNR Services LLC, \$650.00; Richland Observer, \$100.80. Motion made by John Collins to approve the August bills as presented. Second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#19 Next meeting is Tuesday September 7th, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Ag Service Center,

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

Meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair