

Richland County Parks Commission
September 7th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

#1 The September 7th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Danielle Cooper, Eric Siemandel, Tim Gottschall, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Allan Koch, Ross Breninger and Cathy Cooper. John Collins was absent.

#2 The agenda was mailed/mailed, 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 Cindy Chicker to approve the minutes of the August 2nd, 2021 as sent out, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – A. Agricultural crossing at the Koch property, Allan Koch presented. There is a triangle piece of land that is landlocked ever since the rail rode ceased. The title company has to insure access to the property via an easement. The county would be interested with the 3 acres that is landlocked. Chair Kerry Severson is asking for something in writing from the prospective buyer regarding the 3 acres. Allan Koch doesn’t believe he can give the County an easement on the 3 acres. Allan believes that the entity who has made the offer to purchase the property needs to work with the County for an easement on the 3 acres off of the bike trail. Motion made by Gary Manning contingent on an easement to the 3 acres if we give an easement to ours, second made by Cindy Chicker. Discussion followed. Gary Manning amended his motion to including at no cost to either party, second to the amendment by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried on the amendment with 4 ayes and 1 nay. After further discussion Gary Manning withdrew his original motion, Cindy Chicker second the withdrawal of the original motion. Motion carried. New motion made by Eric Siemandel to grant an easement to The Koch Development to cross The Pine River Recreational Trail to their property on the other side of the trail. Second made by Danielle Cooper. Discussion on the width of the easement followed, 76’ will be the easement width along the eastside of the Pine River Recreational Trail. Cathy will give Corporation Counsel a map of the easement. Motion carried.

Chairman Kerry Severson dropped down to item #7 Rockbridge Park – Ross Breninger reported that with prices going thru the roof for supplies he is presenting a new option for the rails along the bridge at the park, Ross is wanting to weld aluminum rails to the bridge and bolt the boards to the aluminum, the cost will be approximately \$2300.00 for the aluminum boards and bolts would be on top of the labor us being donated. The height of rail should be 43”. Motion made by Danielle Cooper to have Ross Breninger to purchase the product and make the railing at 43” a second from Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Back to #5B. Action Plan – nothing at this time. This will be left on the agenda for October.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#6 Rifle Range – nothing to report, need to check on the board supply. Gary reported that he has to take a house down on the next few weeks so if anyone wants to help to save the boards for the range.

#8 Viola Park – Cathy reported the well drilling bid from Kouba is for \$9,092.00 and the well will need to have electric, motion made by Tim Gottschall to accept this bid contingent on not needing a second bid, second made by Eric Siemandel, Gary Manning spoke, he doesn’t believe that there needs to be 2 parks within 2 miles of each other. The Viola City park only every has any run over during the Horse & Colt Show. He would like to see this money go to the Pier Park “Rockbridge Park”. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 nay.

Kerry Severson turned the meeting over to Tim as he had to leave the meeting at 6:50 pm.

#7 Rockbridge Park - need 4 or 5 more fire rings. Cathy will take pictures of the bridge when the project gets done.

#9 Kayak landing at County SR & Highway 80 - getting used a lot.

#10 Snowmobile Alliance – nothing to report at this time.

#11 Snowmobile grants – all 3 grants have been approved. The work will go out for bid once we actually have the grant.

Back to #5 regarding the grant for the repair on the trail. Cathy will need to publish for bids.

#12 Boat landings – nothing to report.

#13 Pine Valley Site – surveying in December.

#14 Hidden Valley – not in the budget for 2022. Danielle Cooper did inform the Hidden Valley board that Richland County will not be a part of the magazine in 2022.

#15 Commission member reports – none

#16 Future Parks Project – Cathy handed out copies of proposal from Clinton. We need to reduce our 2022 budget according to Clinton, County Administrator. Cathy will email what Clinton's proposal of the budget for 2022 by using the parks roll over account, by doing this there will be no money in the future for repairs of any kind. Cathy will send an email to Clinton letting him know that in 2023 there will be no money to maintain the parks, if the proposal goes through.

#17 Future agenda items – keep the budget & future parks projects on the agenda.

#18 Bills for September; Town & Country Sanitation, \$427.40; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$500.00; Sharon Miller, \$84.00; LNR Services LLC, \$650.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$190.11. Motion made by Cindy Chicker to approve the September bills as presented. Second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#19 Next meeting is Monday October 4th, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Ag Service Center.

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

Meeting ended at 7:19 pm.

Kerry Severson
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Parks Commission Chair