

Richland County Parks Commission
October 4th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

#1 The October 4th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:31 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, Eric Siemandel, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Marilyn Rinehart, Jerry Gander, Steve Carroll, Mike Windle, Clinton Langreck (on the phone) and Cathy Cooper. Danielle Cooper, Tim Gottschall and John Collins were absent.

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

#3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2021 as sent out, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – B. Easement at Koch property was discussed first. Chair Severson explained that property owner Allen Koch was at the September meeting asking for an easement to cross the bike trail to his property on the other side. Chair Severson further explained the situation regarding a parcel of the 40 acres that is actually on the other side of the bike trail (railroad) and is currently land locked. Corporation Counsel Mike Windle took over at this point. In all of Mr. Windle’s research he has found that the County is unable to issue an easement to the property at this time. He needs a draft of the proposed easement for his review and possibly be able to grant it ant the time. Mr. Windle’s recommendation is to have someone reach out to Mr. Koch and/or the potential buyer and ask them to draft a proposed easement for Mr. Windle to review. The easement should state exactly what the purpose for the easement is for ingress/egress for pedestrian foot traffic not for vehicles. Discussion followed with the members of the hospital board that were at the meeting.

B. Action plan. Just reviewing what needs to be done. Cathy reviewed what needs to be done for the class 2 advertising for the bids. Get the bid in the paper in for the January meeting with the completion date of May 31, 2022. The bids will be opened at the February 2022 meeting.

Cows have been out along the trail.

Chairman Kerry Severson dropped down to item #8 Viola Park – There is no camping permit for this park we cannot get a camping permit from the state without a well. This park actually gets used much more than once a year. \$13,000 allocated from fund 75 for a well. This will need to be back on the Finance/Personnel committee meeting. Cathy will re-advertise for bids for a well at the park.

Next item #13-Pine Valley site – Todd Rummler County surveyor sent a letter to Cathy regarding who is signing off on the survey and where is the money coming from. County Administrator Clinton Langreck will be signing off and the money will be coming from the Parks Budget. Motion made by Gary Manning to contract with Todd Rummler for surveying the land swap with Unbehaun’s and have County Administrator Clinton Langreck sign the contract on behave of the County, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#6 Rifle Range – Gary Manning tore down a house and took 24 planks up to the range.

#7 Rockbridge Park – Brian is unable to get the welding truck back to the bridge. Gary Manning will help him get the equipment back there. Kerry Severson was past the park and has noticed some trees on the front side that may be dead. Will wait until spring.

#9 Kayak Landing is getting well used.

#10 Snowmobile alliance – a couple new landowners.

#11 Snowmobile grants - waiting for bridge/riprap contracts.

#12 Boat Landing

#14 Budget

#15 Commission member reports

#16 Future Parks Project –

#17 Future agenda items – sponsoring a dumpster.

#18 Bills for October; Town & Country Sanitation, \$427.40; Nature’s Way Portable Units, \$445; Sharon Miller, \$72.00; Richland County Highway Commission, \$495.19; LNR Services LLC, \$650.00. Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the October bills as presented. Second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#19 Next meeting is Monday November 1st, 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 Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair