

Richland County Parks Commission
November 1st, 2021
Meeting Minutes

#1 The November 1st, 2021 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, John Collins, Eric Siemandel, Cindy Chicker, , Danielle Rudersdorf and Cathy Cooper. Gary Manning was absent. Kerry Severson and Tim Gottschall arrived after public input.

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

#3 Motion made by Eric Siemandel to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2021 as sent out, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

Chair Kerry Severson took the meeting over.

#5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – A. Action plan, nothing to discuss. B. Easement at Koch property - Cathy handed out copies of what Corporation Council Mike Windle had put together. Attorney Mike Parr did the easement for the property. Corporation Council Mike Windle suggested that the Parks Commission review the easement and make their suggestions. Chair Kerry Severson suggested a maintenance agreement addendum to the easement. 1. General maintenance any damage done by the landowner while using the easement must repair any damages within 72 hours or notify the commission if they cannot make the repair. 2. During the snowmobile season December 15th thru March 31st the trail must be left open and maintained for snowmobile use.

#6 Rifle Range – there are boards at the range. Cathy reported that she and Kent had gone out this afternoon to get the money from the donation box and there was quite a lot of money.

#7 Rockbridge Park – Tammy received an email with a complaint regarding the bathrooms, she did call Ron Fogo to get them pumped. The other thing was that the stairs were a little wobbly. There is a board missing on the second flight of stairs and John Collins will get that replaced as he has some time. The park has been well used.

Cathy has not gotten a bill yet for the railings for the bridge, and she has not been out to the bridge, she assumes they are not on yet.

#8 Viola Park – Cathy has emailed Kouba Well Drilling the bid was \$8,092.00 and Sams was \$5,720.00 the question is if these prices include the pump, water pipe and the wiring. The power for the pump will have to be wired to the light poll and this would be a separate price. Motion made by Danielle Rudersdorf to accept Sams bid, second made by John Collins with the condition that this bid is complete with pump, 1” water pipe and wires ready for the election to come in for wiring to the poll. Motion carried.

#9 Kayak Landing – Cathy reported that part of the lake monitoring protect grant the land conservation office is looking at placing a boot brush station next year for the fishermen that use waders.

#10 Snowmobile alliance – Kerry reported that the alliance has purchased a new drag for the new grooming equipment. Kerry and Eric have attended a workshop. The tracking equipment will need to be installed on the groomers and that is the way the state will be able to track the miles for reimbursement. There should be a contract between the County and the clubs regarding maintenance and marking of trails. Insurance needs to be on bridges. Kerry will check into this further. Agreements with landowners whether signed or verbal needs to be on file with the County.

#11 Snowmobile grants – there is a credit at Walsh’s from items that were ordered and paid for but never received. The Johnson property that has a trail thru it needs to be GPS’d also need to get the trail done in Blue River at the Port, then this would make a loop.

#12 Boat Landing – nothing to report.

#13-Pine Valley site – Haven’t heard anything yet. Mike Nee is interested in granting easement from the Bike Trail through his property to the Pine River.

#15 Approval of last 10% of Mike Drake’s contract, Motion made by Cindy Chicker to pay the final 10%, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried. This will need to go out for bid in 2022.

#14 Budget - \$26,672.00 in the budget for 2022 for tax levy and anything over that will come from money that is part of the non-lapsing balance. Master plan for projects in the future.

#16 Review Strategic County Plan. – 1. Chapter 2 – transparency – Cathy has more questions regarding what needs to be posted and how this will be done. SW Regional planning has helped with the initial plan. Cindy requested to get a copy of the questions.

#17 Commission member reports - Kerry Severson reported - Jason Glassbrenner contacted Kerry and would like to review the outdoor recreation plan, Cathy has emailed a copy of the plan to him. Southwest Regional is willing to review and rewrite this plan. By having this done it might open up some more possible grants

#18 Future Parks Project – add part of the REC plan to the folder

#19 Future agenda items – keep the Pine Valley Site on the agenda.

#20 Bills for November; Town & Country Sanitation, \$427.40; Nature’s Way Portable Units, \$442.00; Mikes Mowing, \$280.00; Richland Center Parks, \$5,000.00; Mick Memorial Park, \$300.00; Village of Viola, \$300.00; Village of Boaz, \$300.00; All American Do It Center, \$220.80. Motion made by Danielle Rudersdorf to approve the November bills as presented. Second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

#21 Next meeting is Monday December 6th, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Ag Service Center.

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

Meeting ended at 7:18 pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair