

Richland County Parks Commission
December 6th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

#1 The December 6th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, John Collins, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, Cindy Chicker, Tim Gottschall, Danielle Rudersdorf, Bob Hirschy, Troy Maggied was on the phone and Cathy Cooper. Kerry Severson arrived later.

#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 Danielle Rudersdorf to approve the minutes of the November 1st, 2021 as sent out, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5 Richland County Comprehensive Recreation Plan update, Troy Maggied, Southwest Regional Planning (SWRP) presented to the commission - there is money available for them to update the plan thru the CARES money. Offering to update the plan at a cost of \$500 in 4 years. They have a template in house and will do the update in 4 years so we continue to be eligible for the DNR grant funding with the grants always due May 1 of the year in question. Motion made by John Collins to allow SWRP to update the Outdoor Recreational Plan and keep it on their data base, second made by Gary Manning. Motion Carried. Kerry Severson arrived and took over the meeting.

#6 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – A. Action plan, No one has met yet. Gary had done some drainage ditches for Ray Schmitz. There is a tube that goes across the bike trail where Lake Gas is located. Lucas Unbehaun has reset the tube lower, but it then needs to be compacted. B. Easement at Koch property – The maintenance agreement was reviewed, and motion was made by Danielle Rudersdorf to approve the agreement and send it on to the full County Board. Second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

There is an area near the Sextonville Bog area that has a sink hole that needs to be taken care of. This needs to be added to the grant.

Bob Hirschy asked who takes care of the trail and he informed the commission that he had developed a guide of the trail.

#7 Rifle Range – John Collins was at the Range and some of the boards need to be cleaned up. The boards that are there need to be moved up front.

#8 Rockbridge Park – The pedestrian bridge railing are up but still need to get bolts & boards to finish things up. A bill has not been sent as of yet for the extra work done on the foot bridge. Eric has delivered 6 fire pits to the park. John Collins is almost done with repairs to the wooden steps up the rock.

#9 Viola Park – Property owner has an easement back to his property and he reported that there were 2 campers set up on the property. Cindy reported that when she went to Viola it looked like to her, they were long term campers. Cathy contacted Sheriff Porter who in turn informed her to contact Chief Deputy Aaron Wallace, she contacted him, and he says that since there is no ordinance for the park, he doesn't feel that he can force them to leave. The Commission is suggesting that Cathy speak with Corporation Council Mr. Windle. Motion made by Danielle Rudersdorf to have Cathy speak with Corporation Council, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. Cathy spoke with Larry Ferguson regarding the well pump, Larry just got back from vacation and will have the information to Cathy soon.

#10 Kayak Landing – nothing new to report.

#11 Snowmobile alliance – there may not be a trail this year from Ithaca to Bear Valley. The land owner passed away this summer and the family is having some issues. The alliance is trying to get it rerouted and will keep Cathy up to date.

#12 Snowmobile grants – Cathy is still waiting on information regarding bridge on Meisse's property.

#13 Boat Landing – nothing to report.

#14-Pine Valley site – Still waiting.

#15 Budget – Cathy reported that we are over because of the foot bridge at Rockbridge park but this should be covered from the lapsing Fund.

#16 Commission member reports - none.

#17 Future Parks Project – John Collins reported to get a toilet at the park. The cost is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000. Toilets at the Viola Park. Need to keep in mind that the Pine Valley Project will eventually need a foot bridge, and this will need to be in the budget. Rotary future grant.

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

#19 Bills for December; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$137.50; Sharon Miller, \$66.00; Gillingham Park, \$300.00; Rent A Flash, \$2,374.80; Randy Olson Trucking, LLC, \$1,585.00. Motion made by John Collins to approve the December bills as presented. Second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

#21 Next meeting is Monday January 3rd, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Ag Service Center.

#22 Motion made by Kerry Severson to adjourn the meeting second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:25 pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair