

Richland County Parks Commission
February 7th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

#1 The February 7th, 2022, meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:30 p.m. Those present were, John Collins, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, Danielle Rudersdorf, and Cathy Cooper. Cindy Chicker, Tim Gottschall and Kerry Severson were 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 Danielle Rudersdorf. Motion carried.

#3 Motion made by John Collins to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022, as sent out, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – Cathy is working on the ad for the bid on the project and have the opening at the March meeting. At the next meeting Cathy will have the 2 different mowing bids ready for the commission approval to place in the paper. The end walls of the bridges need to be reinforced. The trail needs to be mowed in the fall with a boom mower to get ready for the snowmobiles.

#6 Rifle Range – Still have boards.

#7 Rockbridge Park – Bat survey being done on Wednesday, and they will report back to the office as to how the bats are doing. The Park is not closed during the winter, it is not plowed or maintained but is not closed.

#8 Viola Park – Cathy spoke with Clinton regarding the well quotes. Once the well is done the next step will be getting a camping permit from the state. Discussion followed about the electric needed for the pump on the well.

#9 Kayak Landing – nothing new to report.

#10 Grant for Rockbridge & Viola parks outhouses, John Collins spoke with Cheryl Housley regarding the grant for both the rifle range and both parks, regardless of the filing with the state this grant would not happen until 2023. The comprehensive plan seems to not have the parks listed. This needs to be listed before the grants are issued. The plan that is good for 2024 needs to have an amendment on the plan and then a resolution for both parks individually and given to the County Board for approval. Motion made by Gary Manning to amend the Outdoor recreation plan for new restrooms at Rockbridge and Viola, second made by Danielle Rudersdorf. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

#11 Snowmobile alliance – The trail has been open for 2.5 days, heard no problems.

#12 Snowmobile grants – DNR approved the 2 riprap grants. Still haven’t heard anything on the bridge grant on the Miess property.

#13 Boat Landing – nothing to report.

#14-Hidden Valley – This has been passed on to Clinton as the commission has voted to stop membership.

#15 Commission member reports - none.

#16 Other business - add the joining of committees to the March agenda. The Rules committee feels that this commission should be a part of Ag & Extension, Land Conservation, Parks, Property Lister, Register of Deeds and Zoning. This would be called The Planning Resources and Development Committee. John reminded Cathy that the Parks is a commission and there are state statutes that have to be followed. This will be on the March agenda.

#17, Bills for February, Richland County Zoning, \$50.00; Richland Observer, \$65.00; Rent A Flash, \$574.10; Randy Olson, \$220.00. Motion made by John Collins to approve the February bills as presented. Second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#18 Next meeting is Monday March 7th, 2022, at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Ag Service Center.

#19 Motion made by Eric Siemandel to adjourn the meeting second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:23 pm.

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair