

Richland County Parks Commission
March 7th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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

#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 Danielle Rudersdorf. Motion carried.

#3 Motion made by Gary Manning to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022, as sent out, second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5 Outdoor recreation plan – After discussion the motion was made by Danielle Rudersdorf to amend the 2020-2024 recreation plan to include also replacing toilets at both Pier “Rockbridge” Park and Viola Park. Second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#6 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – Cathy presented the mowing bid ad

A. After discussing the rehabilitation ad of the trail; motion was made by Gary Manning to move forward with publishing the ad second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

#7. Restroom grant \$20,000 for Viola Park, \$20,000 for Rifle Range and \$50,000 for Pier “Rockbridge” Park Cathy stated that we should figure a 50% match for each.

#8 Rifle Range – nothing new to report.

#9 Rockbridge Park – Eric Siemandel reported that the bridge is still there after the most recent flood.

#10 Viola Park – Well bids approval sent to Sam’s and Advance Pump and Well.

#11 Kayak Landing – nothing new to report.

#12 Snowmobile alliance – Nothing to report.

#13 Snowmobile grants – 3 different grants. Motion made by Eric Siemandel to approve the maintenance grant of \$42,000 second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. Motion made by John Collins to approve the rerouting grant between Boaz & Blue River for \$70,000, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried Motion made by Danielle Rudersdorf to approve the grant for the new trail between Boaz and Muscoda for \$5,000 second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

#14 Boat Landing – Marc Couey suggested a wing dam at Orion. It was suggested to Cathy to talk with Mark Cupp of the Riverway Board.

#15-Pine Valley Site – Gary Manning, Todd Rumbler, Dave Unbehuan and Cathy Cooper discussed equal acreage swap.

#16 Budget – Adding in Levy money that was taken out. Take what needs to be done from capital improvements such as toilet replacement for all the parks and for the Rifle Range. Parking lot and access road at the Pine Valley site . Also replacing the stairs at the Pier “Rockbridge” Park.

#17 Joining of Committees – Kerry reported there would be 5 main committees and the Parks would be under Natural Resources, he doesn't know about citizens being part of the committee. Members of the Rules committee are suggesting a Parks "Friends group" to do the physical work.

#18 Commission Member reports - Tim Gottschall has a group of boy scouts that would repair the steps on the back side of the rock at Pier "Rockbridge" Park.

#19 Future Park projects – discussed.

#20 Future Agenda items – Cindy Chicker presented having the Rotary Club grant application on the next agenda. Partners of Prevention also to discuss the parks to be tobacco free zones.

#21 Bills for March, B-L Signs \$227.51. Motion made by John Collins to approve the March bills as presented. Second made by Danielle Rudersdorf. Motion carried.

#22 Next meeting is Monday April 4th, 2022, at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the conference room of the Ag Service Center.

#23 Motion made by Gary Manning to adjourn the meeting second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:53 pm.

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Parks Commission Chair