

Richland County Parks Commission
April 4th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

#1 The April 4th, 2022, meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Collins at 5:39 p.m. Those present were, John Collins, Gary Manning, Eric Siemandel, Danielle Rudersdorf, Cindy Chicker and Cathy Cooper. Kerry Severson and Tim Gottschall were absent.

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

#3 Motion made by John Collins to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, as sent out, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – Cleanup

A. Bid opening for Trail resurfacing. There was one bid presented from Bob Ewers Contracting, this bid was for \$112,400.00. Motion made by Gary Manning to reject the bid and rebid it in the future, second made by Danielle Rudersdorf. Discussion followed, this will possibly need to be done by a section a year and give the grant money back because of prevailing wages. Motion carried. More discussion, Cathy will contact those that need to know that the bid was rejected.

#19 Rotary Club grant application – this is a smaller grant but is available for some benches, picnic table and a couple of bike repair stations. Will have a memorandum of understanding ready for the May meeting.

Trail needs to be closed until the ruts are taken care of.

#6 Restroom Grants – John spoke regarding the concrete toilets and when the grants get written.

#7 Mowing Bid opening – received 2 bids for the mowing of the parks one from LNR Services for \$10,000 for the season and one from Mike’s Mowing for \$8,700. Motion made by Gary Manning to accept Mike’s Mowing for \$8,700 for the season, second made by Danielle Rudersdorf. Motion carried. The trail mowing bid had only one bid from Mike’s Mowing For \$325.00 per mowing. Motion made by Eric Siemandel to Accept Mike’s Mowing bid of \$325.00 per mowing for a minimum of 5 mowing, second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#8 Other contracts: Town and Country is good through April 30, 2023. Received nothing for an update from Nature’s Way Portable Units, Tammy will continue trying to contact them.

#9 Rifle Range – John reported that it was being used and he was asked about the dumpster when it will be available. The electric service is still on the REC agenda.

10 Rockbridge Park – Cathy reported that she has received the testing kit. A tree fell off the rock and someone sawed it in half so they could pass. Gary Manning still plans on putting boards on the bridge, Danielle Rudersdorf asked about the stairs up the rock, John is almost done. Eric Siemandel reported that the bridge is still there after the most recent flood.

#11 Viola Park – Cathy is waiting for the well to go.

#12 Kayak Landing – nothing new to report. John Collins reported that the state will not allow a shelter.

#13 Snowmobile alliance – The trails officially closed April 1, 2022; they were open for 2 ½ days this year.

#14 Snowmobile grants – Cathy is working on them.

#15 Boat Landing – Marc Couey suggested a wing dam at Orion. It was suggested to Cathy to talk with Mark Cupp of the Riverway Board in March. She forgot and will take care of this.

#16 -Pine Valley Site – this is on hold.

#17 Budget – nothing to report, Cathy went back to Rockbridge Park. She is waiting to get her credit card so she can purchase two swing seats and then charge them to parks.

#18 Joining of Committees – Cathy has emailed out to all of the members that the parks commission will be joining the Fair/Recycling committee. This will meet on the 19th of April, 7pm.

#20 Partners of Prevention – Cindy reported on this regarding having all county recreational property tobacco free. This would be an ordinance.

#21 Commission Member reports – when on the trail it was suggested for the members to wear vest and have a flashing light on the vehicle.

#22 Future Park projects – discussed.

#23 Future Agenda items - nothing suggested.

#24 Bills – None for April.

#25 Next meeting April 19th, 2022 7pm at the Phoenix Center.

#26 Motion made by Danielle Rudersdorf to adjourn the meeting second made by Eric Siemandel. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

John Collins

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Parks Commission Vice-Chair