

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PARK COMMISSION  
Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Call to order:**

George Synder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present included Shelley Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Scott Miles, Bill Miller, Sandi Waring and Bill Bursaw. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Superintendent was also present. Others present were Cheryl Jaworski, John Kowalski, Tom Wald and Michael Johnson to ask to use the park for programs, and for use of soccer fields.

**Approval of Minutes**

George asked for approval of the April 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Duane made a motion to approve and Scott Miles seconded. All approved.

**Stewardship Grant:**

The grant was filed for the trails.

**Summer Program:**

Three individuals were considered for the summer program as assistants. The recommended individual was Kaylee Suske. She has a background in childcare and a Masters Degree. The town Board has hired the assistant Kaylee Suske. The new summer program director Beki Miller was doing well getting the planning and materials together.

**Baseball summer schedule:**

The Wausau Youth Baseball schedule was received.

**Fundraising report:**

The Community Foundation fund has \$21,988. Two tiles for Doepke Park have been paid for. One bench was received and a plaque was purchase for \$18.00.

**Streets & Park Superintendent's report – Scott S:**

The tennis court bids would be out for bid tomorrow. All three locations would be repaired. George asked for approval of up to \$40,000. Scott Miles made a motion to budget up to \$40,000 for the job. Shelley seconded the motion. All approved it.

**Fitness Program use of Doepke Recreation Area:**

Cheryl Jaworski asked the commission for permission to use the Doepke Park grounds to run a summer fitness program. It would meet on Saturdays from 9-10:30. Family fitness related games would be presented. Use of the existing fitness stations would be explained. Several local businesses would donate time along with volunteer helpers. IGA will donate fruit. The commission decided to support the fitness program plan. Scott will check with the town attorney on any insurance issues.

### **Soccer Field Use:**

MC United soccer group asked for permission to use the fields at Liberty and Doepke for practices Sunday through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. Wausau United also wanted to use the soccer field next year at Doepke Park for the 11-12 year old kids. Games would be May through early June. They would help with lining the fields and also fertilizing it. They would also like to help with the cost of a catch net to prevent balls from going on the road. A schedule of play would be presented for 2011. The commission decided, because of Scott Schatschneider's recommendation, that the two groups present a schedule for play and practice. The commission gave permission to the MC United group to practice at Liberty Park since no other groups use the soccer field. Doepke Park would be open to them on a first come first serve basis for this year.

### **Park Improvement Priorities:**

Scott S looked at the playground equipment at Liberty Park after a call from a resident about the condition of the playground equipment. He observed paint fading and some rust. Bill Bursaw suggested we get a certified playground inspector to look at the equipment and make a recommendation. Marathon County Parks may have one on staff. Scott will check with them first. Scott also was asked about a grill being donated for Doepke Park. After some discussion the commission decided it was not in the best interest of the park given the maintenance and potential problems with hot coals. Locks for the bathrooms at Doepke Park were discussed. The existing doors would not work for programmable locks. The total for locks and new doors would be around \$5000. Bill Miller made a motion to approve the locks and Scott Miles seconded it. All approved. A bench from Doepke will be replaced and the steel bench will be taken down to Rookery View Park.

### **Park Improvement Priority;**

The priority form was deferred to next meeting due to time constraints. A future donations form will also be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Bill Bursaw made a motion to adjourn and Scott Miles seconded it. All approved.

Next meeting was set for June 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz