

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PARK COMMISSION  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Snyder at 5:11 PM. Those attending included Bill Bursaw, Shelly Hertz, Scott Miles, Sandi Waring and Duane Zeichert. Also in attendance was Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Park Supervisor and three members of the Humane Society of Marathon County – Sara Hill, Lee Ann Stegeman and Mary Kirlin.
  
- II. A motion to approve of the minutes from the November 9, 2010 meeting was made by Shelly Hertz and seconded by Bill Bursaw. The motion passed.
  
- III. The Humane Society of Marathon County made a presentation and request to use Doepke Park on Saturday, June 4, 2011 for a 5k Run/Walk. They would like to reserve the park from 7 AM – 1 PM during which time they would set up for a walk/run in and around the park. It would include animals and the event would be entitled “Run for their lives”. They requested use of the shelter and bathroom facilities and use of a PA for the event. Volunteers would assist with traffic control, site clean up and animal waste disposal from the event. They estimate that as many as 200 runners will participate and they plan to contact churches and schools in the area for overflow parking (with shuttle service to the park). They also plan to have HSMC insurance coverage of \$1,00,000 for the event. Bill B asked about the route they planned to use. He noted that June 4-5<sup>th</sup> is a big weekend at the park with a dedication of the new roadway, etc., scheduled for June 4 and free park access on June 5. Sara Hill (from the Humane Society) assured Bill that the time when traffic would be restricted would be minimal – just as runners and walkers approached the roadway to the park. Scott M made the motion to approve this plan based on a filing of a copy of their insurance coverage with the Town, verification that the shelter is available (from Gaylene) and final route and other plans presented to Gaylene and Scott S. by the Humane Society. Bill B. seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- IV. Streets and Parks Report: Scott S. reported on the following winter activities in our parks:
- A. Winter Program – The Parks Dept has been busy making ice and clearing snow for the ice rinks at Doepke Park. With continued work and good weather, it is possible that the rinks may open Friday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Residents should check the Town website or Facebook page for official notification. Radio stations will be contacted when the rinks are ready to use.
  - B. Skating Rinks Lighting Repair and Upgrade - Scott reported that the electrician working of the lights at Doepke Park noted upgrades would save energy use (and money) if upgraded. New more efficient and brighter lights could be installed that would reduce the usage from 4,000 watts to 2,800 watts per light. In addition, a second bank of lights was planned to reduce dark/shadows on the ice. The cost for these additions and upgrades is \$3,000. The money is available in the operating budget. Shelly H. made the motion to approve the new lighting and upgrades at Doepke Park. Duane Z seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- V. Park Commission Nominations: Bill Miller, former Park Commissioner, filed a summary of his interview with the four candidates to fill his position on the Park Commission. Mary Pat Campbell, Liesle Dille-Markevitch, Mai Herr and Bert Nitzke were interested in serving. Bill talked with each about their goals for the parks in the Town. The Commission thoroughly discussed each candidate and decided to recommend Liesle Dille-Markevitch to the Town Board. If she was unable to accept the position, Mai Herr was the second recommendation for the position. Thank you to Bill Miller for his work in preparing the summary of each candidate.
- VI. Parks Donor Brochure: No report at this time. Bill B will have some final draft of the brochure for our January meeting.

Tax Deductible Fund Status: The Town may create a 501C3 tax-deductible fund (for Parks, Fire Dept, etc.). George gave this information to Gaylene. The attorney indicated that money could be set aside in this type of fund, but it must be for specific items or areas. It would be useful information for those interested in contributing to the parks (or other

programs) by placing money in a tax deductible fund. Information on this could use the Town web site to inform people.

- VII. Doepke Park Fund Expenditure Criteria: This information was discussed at the November meeting and included in the minutes. A motion was made by Shelly H. and seconded by Sandi W. to accept the three criteria:
1. All expenditures will be made in the spirit of the donors to the fund.
  2. To qualify for withdrawal, requests must be made for capital improvements only, not year-to-year operations or maintenance expenses.
  3. All expenditures must be approved by the Rib Mountain Park Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. Fund Rund Raising: No new report. There is \$16, 065 in the fund according to the latest printout. The shelter fund has \$2, 390 in it. There was some discussion of the various items and expenditures in the budget.
- IX. A motion to adjourn was made by Sandi W. and seconded by Scott M. It passed unanimously. The next Park Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM. (It was noted that due to several members being out of town in February and Scott S. delivery date for his new baby, there may not be a meeting until March 2011.)