

Town of Rib Mountain

Park Commission

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Call to order:

George Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present: Shelly Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Bill Bursaw, George Snyder and Scott Miles. Bill Miller and Sandi Waring were excused. Scott Schatschneider and Gaylene Rhoden were also present.

Others in attendance: Mary Timm, Nancy Baranowski, Amanda Spafford, Carol Krause, Kris McAlleese, Rebekah McAlleese, Clint Szymanski, Sandy Szymanski, John Kowalski and Nancy Kowalski.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2010 was made by Scott Miles and seconded by Bill Bursaw. The motion passed. (There was no meeting of the Park Commission in March.)

Recognition of Mary Timm:

George recognized Mary Timm for her 21 years of service to the Town as Summer Recreation Program Director. He showed the ceramic tile that will be placed at Doepke Park and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding work during the summer program.

Stewardship Grant:

Gaylene presented the Commission with a 2009 application for expansion of the hiking trail on the north side of Doepke Park. This trail would include a boardwalk through the wetland area in the park. She explained that the application could be re-submitted each year. This type of grant has been used in the past to create the walking trail to Violet and the parking lot at Doepke Park. The DNR would provide half of the \$215,000 and the Town would finance the remainder of the cost. It was noted that completion of the hiking path was part of the Commission's five-year plan. Questions were answered by Gaylene – the path would be covered with red granite; the trail would be totally in the park's land; the Town would be informed by early fall if it is awarded the grant. The map included in our packet will be revised and the application updated before being re-submitted. Funding for the Town's portion of the trail is available in the new town borrowing note – the

\$175,000 park expenses could be used if the grant is accepted. Additional funding could be taken from the Community Foundation. A motion to submit and updated application for a Stewardship Grant to construct a hiking trail on the north side of Doepke Park was made by Bill Bursaw and seconded by Duane Zeichert. The motion passed.

Streets and Parks Superintendent's Report:

Scott Schatschneider reported that work on grading to the bridge off Iris at Doepke Park has been completed. Work on the small parking area on Iris is also done. A motion to fertilize the soccer field was made by Scott Miles and seconded by Bill Bursaw. The motion passed. (Signs will be posted on the field when the fertilization is done.) Scott presented a request from Clint Syzmanski to extend a four-foot high fence along the west side of Doepke Park (the fence would extend to the pond). This would make the Syzmanski property more secure, safe and allow for storage of a boat and other items in this back area. The cost of the fence will be \$2200 and Mr. Syzmanski offered to pay \$500 toward the fence's cost. The idea of using the money from shelter rental (approx \$3000) was discussed as a way to help pay for this fence. A motion was made by Scott Miles and seconded by Bill Bursaw to use shelter rental money and the \$500 from Mr. Syzmanski to construct the fence.

Summer Program Appointment:

Gaylene and Bill Miller for the Summer Program Director developed a job description. It was posted on the Town web site and nine applications were received prior to the April 6th deadline. Jim Legner, Gaylene Rhoden, Bill Miller and George Snyder interviewed three applicants. They recommended Rebecca Miller who worked as an assistant to Mary Timm and was described by Mary as "dependable" and someone who "worked well with kids". Duane Zeichert made the motion and Bill Bursaw seconded it to recommend Rebecca Miller to be hired as Summer Program Director at a salary of \$14.93 to the Town Board. The salary rate was included because of Rebecca's past work in the program with Mary Timm. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Bill Bursaw and seconded by Shelly Hertz to hire Natasha Timm as an assistant (the same position she held last year) at the returning rate salary. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Olympics Request for Doepke Park Use:

A request from Kris and Rebekah McAleese and Carol Krause to use Doepke Park for an Bocce Invitational hosted by Wausau Metro Adult Special Olympics on June 19, 2010. They requested use of the soccer field (for 7 bocce courts and tents to shelter athletes) plus access to the pavilion to set up a concession stand for

participants. Just over 100 participants, volunteers, chaperones and coaches will be involved in this event that will run from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Scott stated that the issue would have to be reviewed by the Building-Zoning Commission. Motion made by Scott Miles and seconded by Bill Bursaw to approve use of Doepke Park on June 19, 2010 to host a Adult Special Olympic Bocce Invitational and that the sponsors will provide the Town with verification of insurance for the event.

Wausau Youth Baseball Summer Schedule:

No summer baseball schedule is available at this time. Tournament dates were set for the week of July 4th, 11th with additional dates of July 19-23rd. We know that games will be held on Monday – Thursdays. It was noted that Mark Meeks has responded to e-mails and will provide us with information as soon as it is completed.

WAYSAs 2010 Field Use:

Joel Braatz requested use of the Doepke Park soccer field for use with the younger players from July through the first two weeks of August. Games will be on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 and 6:50 p.m. WAYSAs will line the fields and provide the Town with proof on insurance. Shelly Hertz made the motion and Scott Miles seconded it to approve use of the field by WAYSAs. The motion passed.

Park Capital Improvements:

Shelly presented a form that could be used to help the Park Commission determine priorities and costs for capital improvements. Bill Bursaw also presented a planning document he has used. It was decided that we should examine these documents and come to the May meeting with some ideas about planning future capital improvements for our parks. Additional discussion about costs for tennis courts was held. The borrowing note included \$175,000 for tennis court, capital improvements and park development.

Fund Raising:

George explained that a donation was received from the Bank of Wausau. Scott S. described programmable locks for the Doepke Park shelter. The cost would be approx \$2,200 however, he will need to see if the locks can be used with handicap accessible doors. If not, new doors may be necessary.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by Scott Miles and seconded by Bill Bursaw to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed.