

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission
January 11, 2011

- I. Chairperson George Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
- II. Roll was taken. Shelly Hertz was excused. Members present included Bill Bursaw, Scott Miles, Sandi Waring, Duane Zeichert and new member Liesle Dille-Markevitch. George welcomed the newest member of the Park Commission Liesle to the meeting. Also in attendance was Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Supervisor. Tom Haebig (Noon Optimist), Aaron Opper and Annie Clark (Elk's Lodge #248) were also present.
- III. A motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting was made by Bill B. and seconded by Sandi W. The motion passed.
- IV. Mr. Tom Haebig representing the Noon Optimist Club presented information about the "Youth Fisheree" they are planning for Sunday, February 13, 2011. The event would run from noon to three p.m. and be free to everyone. Equipment will be available for kids wishing to fish. Refreshments would be available at minimal cost at the trailer they plan to set up at Rookery View Park. He requested use of the park on that day (as they have done in the past). Clean up will be done and all garbage will be taken off site. A motion to allow the use of Rookery View Park on Sunday, February 13th was made by Bill B and seconded by Scott M. The motion passed.
- V. Aaron Opper and Annie Clark representing Elk's Lodge #248 made a request for use of Rookery View Park for a Summer Fishing Program on Sunday, June 5, 2011. The event would run from 11 – 2 p.m. It will be called "Get hooked on fishing not drugs". Equipment and refreshments will be available and a tent would be set up in the park to accommodate those attending. It will be promoted as a family event as that weekend after Memorial Day does not require a license to fish. The Sherriff's Dept. will be contacted to assist with pedestrian and traffic issues. Garbage will be removed from site and proof of liability insurance will be given to the town hall prior to the event. Porta-potties will also be made available at the park for the event. Duane made the motion to permit the event with the above stated conditions. It was seconded by Scott M. and passed.
- VI. Scott S. presented his report about the winter programs. The rinks are open and quite busy. New energy efficient lighting has been installed. The new lights are not only 40-50% brighter but will last much longer and use less power than previous lights. Skaters and sledders have kept the park full with over 70 cars in the lot on one weekend. Scott reports that new locks will be programmed soon and that things are going very well at Doepke Park so far this season.

- VII. The Park Donor Program draft brochure was presented by Bill B. It is a work in progress and will include a tri-fold design with information about what type of donations can be made. Benches (steel and concrete, picnic tables, recycling and trash containers, trees and flowers that the type of donations listed in the brochure. More information will be added to the town website with pictures of the items. Additional ideas for the brochure include the town logo, motto, mission statement of the Park Commission and possible a map of the town parks. Recognition of donations was also discussed. Liesle D-M will assist Bill B with further revisions and design for the brochure and report back to the Park Commission at our next meeting.

The Town's 501-C (tax exempt status) fund has been established by the Town Board. Gaylene and others have been working on it and will look at other examples from around the state to create a draft plan and program. This will be an on-going project over the next several months.

- VIII. Scott S presented priorities for the 2011 budget. The operating budget will remain the same as in 2010. Items included in the Park Dept. budget include a fenced dumpster, expansion of the playground, development of the northern loop trail and installation of security lighting and cameras for the shelter, all at Doepke Park. Scott has been in contact with a rep from a playground equipment company and had information about possible and layout plans. A committee of Sandi W, Liesle D-W and Scott M will meet to develop objectives for an expanded playground to accommodate 5-10 year olds to the north of the existing playground at Doepke Park. \$52,000 has been set aside in the Town's borrowing note for this expansion. The committee will meet and report back to the Park Commission prior to the next meeting. Scott S. has arranged for the company rep to attend a later Commission meeting to discuss ideas and plans for the new playground,
- IX. Becky Miller who took over the Summer Program last year has indicated she plans to return this summer. She has started developing programs for the summer and would like to present these ideas to the Park Commission in March. One of her assistants will return, but there may one assistant position available.
- X. We are still waiting to hear from Joel Braatz about the Wausau Area Youth Soccer Association's (WAYSAs) plans for the use of Doepke Park. In the past they have used Doepke from after July 4th through late August.
- XI. Fund Raising – no new expenditures from the Doepke Park fund. The Parks and Recreation Accounts document speaks for itself.
- XII. Motion to adjourn was made by Scott M and seconded by Sandi W. Motion passed. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011 and the March meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2011.