

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
April 12, 2011

- I. Call to Order: George Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.
- II. Roll Call: In addition to George Snyder, Bill Bursaw, Shelly Hertz, Scott Miles and Duane Zeichert were present. Sandi Waring and Leisle Dille-Markevitch were excused. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Supervisor and Becky Miller, Summer Program Director, were also present.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Bill B made and Shelly H seconded the motion to approve the March 8, 2011 Minutes. The motion passed.
- IV. Summer Program: Becky Miller presented information about the following topics:
 - A. Hiring of an Assistant: A number of applications were received for the position of Activity Director. Becky recommended that Katelyn Sleeter be hired. Katelyn has a degree in Elementary Education, has teaching experience, has worked in similar summer programs and has worked with Becky. Becky thinks she will be a good fit for the summer program. Scott M made the motion to hire Katelyn and Duane seconded it. George added that hiring be dependent on a background check by the Town Clerk. With that amendment, the motion passed unanimously. Becky also expected her assistant from last year, Natasha Timm, to return. George will thank all the candidates for their applications.
 - B. Becky passed out copies of the new Summer Program brochure and application. It includes the weekly themes and field trip schedules plus policies and application. The schedule includes a 9-12 AM session at Rib Mountain School and a 1-4 PM session at South Mountain School. The only issue will be when Rib Mountain School's gym floor is being resurfaced. During that ten-day period (starting around July 5th) the morning session will be held at South Mountain School. A note on the dates of this change will be given to all participants as soon as the work is scheduled.

V. Streets and Parks: NO REPORT

VI. Parks Program Updates:

- A. Doepke Park Playground Proposal – George explained the action taken by the Town Board to approve of our recommendation for playground expansion and equipment at Doepke Park. The Board approved it at their last meeting and George thanked Scott S and the sub-committee for their work in helping develop the plan.
- B. Scott Schatschneider noted that he had talked with Lana after walking the site with George. She agreed to stretch the equipment further east to keep a larger space between the new playground and the baseball diamond. After the baseball season (mid July), Town workers will prepare the site for the installation of equipment. No additional fencing will be needed for the site.
- C. First bids on the dumpster and light were too high. Scott S was able to get a lower bid for an enclosed dumpster (matching the building design), a locked gate and light to be placed on a concrete slab for about \$5500. Veolia will empty the dumpster. A timeline for completion of the project is to be determined but will be coordinated with shelter rental, baseball schedule and the electrician.
- D. George brought up discussion of funds still available in the borrowing note for Park Commission use. So far we have spent \$37,000 for tennis court resurfacing, \$60,000 for playground equipment and \$5,500 for a lighted dumpster area. There is an additional \$81,000 available for use in our parks. George opened the topic for further discussion. Development of a trail on the north side of Doepke Park was an option. However, without Stewardship grant funds, this would exceed money left in the borrowing note. Other ideas included work at Liberty Park new shingles and stain for pavilion, refurbishing playground (swing set) equipment, resurfacing parking lot. At Chellis Park new shingles and stain for the pavilion. Other ideas included flowers and edging stones at Doepke, new trimming equipment, purchasing of black dirt for use at the parks, picnic tables for Rookery Park and new tennis nets. Park Commissioners will review this list and visit parks to come up with other projects to be discussed at our next meeting.

VII. Parks Donor Program: No Report

VIII. Financial Report: No Report

IX. Open Comments:

- A. Discussion of securing soccer nets – it was determined that it applies on to WIAA events.
- B. Bill B described changes in the American with Disabilities Act as it applies to access to parks. There may be issues that will require our Commission to develop criteria for use of “power driven mobility devices” for handicapped in our parks.
- C. George asked for the Bike and Ped. Committee or Town Beat to publish safety rules for walkers on the street. Walking with traffic places them in danger from traffic.

X. Motion to adjourn was made by Bill B and seconded by Shelly