

**TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
June 14, 2011**

Call to Order

George called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

Roll Call

Commission members Shelly Hertz, Leisle Dille-Markevitch, Scott Miles, George Snyder and Duane Zeichert were present. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Dept Supt. was also present. Bill Bursaw and Sandi Waring were excused.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the May 10, 2011 minutes was made by Duane and seconded by Leisle. The motion passed.

Streets and Parks Report

Scott Schatschneider reported that the dumpster and playground expansion projects will be started in early August. Both projects should operational later that month. The purchase of two baby changing tables for Doepke Park bathrooms (\$224 per table) was made. Scott and his staff will look into the minor graffiti on playground equipment and picnic table at Doepke Park.

Funding Review and Project Implementations

George reviewed our discussion of spending on park projects that was started at the May meeting. At that time it was decided that more specific information about the costs involved was needed to help us develop a plan for our projects. Scott S, Gaylene and George met to determine prices of the projects we discussed in May. Those projects included the expansion of the trail at Doepke Park (\$167,000), a digger toy for Chellis Pk (\$700), refurbishing of Liberty Park playground equipment (\$1000), picnic tables (3) at Rookery, plantings at Doepke Pk (\$300) and tennis nets (\$153 x four nets).

Money from the 2009 borrowing note and the Community Foundation is available for these projects. In addition, Gaylene and Scott S. have applied for a DNR Recreational Trail grant to help fund the expansion of the trail at Doepke Pk. The grant for \$45,000 would help construct

an additional loop to the north with some of it being boardwalk over the wetland areas. There was discussion about how to proceed. A motion was made by Duane and seconded by Leisle to approve the “smaller” projects (digger toy at Chellis, playground refurbishing at Liberty, picnic tables at Rookery, plantings for Doepke and tennis nets). The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Shelly to use the remaining funds from the borrowing note and Community Foundation plus any grant money to begin work on the northern expansion of the trail at Doepke Pk. There was discussion of construction time-line, materials and trail route. Scott S answered all questions. The motion passed.

Fun Run Approval

George reviewed this month’s Humane Society “Fun Run” fund raiser at Doepke Park. With over two hundred participants (plus pets), the event was considered “highly successful”. The Humane Society appreciated all the help from Scott S and staff. They would like to arrange sponsors for the event next year and asked permission to reserve the date and shelter prior to the Jan 1st date. There was discussion of the precedent this might set for other groups wishing to reserve times well in advance. Scott S. said that the event was over by the late AM and there were no problems with the event. He recommended approval. Leisle made the motion to allow the Humane Society to reserve the parkland and shelter for the date they will hold their event in June, 2012 as a one year exception to our reservation policy. Shelly seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Doepke Park Plantings/Landscaping

The Commission thanked Leisle and Sandi for their work on the landscaping at Doepke Park. They weeded and spread new mulch on the gardens at the park.

Summer Program Update

Becky has a volunteer to assist her with fieldtrips for the summer program. Mr. Vang has completed a background check and had a background check done. He has worked with Becky at South Mountain School. Becky has between 45-50 students registered at South Mountain with as many at Rib Mountain School for the summer program.

Final Budget

No new report

Open Discussion

Scott asked if sending minutes as e-mails was working for everyone. Duane asked about bids for the Doepke trail. Scott S said that if the grant is received, bids and some work could start in the fall.

Adjourn

Scott made the motion to adjourn and Shelly seconded it. Motion passed.