

Rib Mountain Park Commission
January 13, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Bursaw, Chad Grundemann, Duane Zeichert, Brad Conklin, Andrea Larson, Streets Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Grundemann/ Larson to approve the December 9, 2014 minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Request for use at Rookery Park – Wausau Optimist Youth Fishery – Tom from the Wausau Optimist Youth Fishery appeared provided a presentation for the fishery outing. He noted this is a family function which can draw between 125 to 300 kids. The Optimists will provide door prizes, garbage receptacles and food for a nominal fee. **Motion by Conklin/ Larson to approve the Wausau Optimist Youth Fishery for February 8, 2015 at Rookery Park. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

A resident from the Bluegill Park area spoke about the need for repairs of horseshoe pits. The Commission noted this was a county park and Scott would pass along his request.

Street & Park Report – Scott reported both ice rinks are open at Doepke Park as of January 1st. The external speakers at the rink are in disrepair and he is pursuing new options for music. He also noted he is researching the cost and purchase of protective netting at the ends of the hockey rinks, There are safety concerns about flying pucks towards the sledding hill. The Doepke Trail clearing has begun. Completion should be at the end of February. Chairman Bursaw cautioned Scott about purchasing good quality woods chips free of invasive species.

Doepke Shelter Rental Rates – Commission members reviewed surrounding community's rental rates and policies. Fees have not increased since the park was created. After some discussion it was decided that there would a split fee pricing for residents and non-residents. **Motion by Larson/ Zeichert to recommend for the following fee increase at Doepke Park; Rental Fees: Resident \$80, Non-resident \$100; Rib Mtn Businesses \$100; Non-profit \$40 and Non Rib Mtn Businesses \$120. Deposit would increase across the board to \$80, heat \$25 and tent fee would remain the same at \$100. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Park Project List – Brad stated that he had updated a few items on the list. Commission members had received good feedback on the additional clearing at Rookery View Park.

Financial Statement – Scott noted the Park Commission was over budget in the supply category as he purchased trees for the parks.

Reports from Commission Members – Chairman Bursaw questioned if Town Chairman Opall was actively looking for a new board member. Duane and Andrea noted they would not be able to attend the February meeting.

Adjournment – Motion by Zeichert/Larson to adjourn at 6:25. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk