

Rib Mountain Park Commission
April 14, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Bill Bursaw, Chad Grundemann, Liesle Markevitch, Duane Zeichert Andrea Larson and Brad Conklin. Streets Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Conklin/Zeichert to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 minutes. Questioned and carried 6:0.

In attendance was Marne Bruner who has some interest in becoming a park commissioner.

Streets and Park Report –

Doepke Park Shelter Maximum Occupancy – It has come to the attention of staff that Doepke Shelter is only allowed to hold up to 50 people. This is due to the bathroom requirements set forth by Wisconsin State Building Code. Scott stated he wanted the Committee to aware of the issue and public works would be installing a sign noting the capacity.

Doepke Park Trail – The trail is completed! Scott is inquiring about erecting a sign noting it is a nature trail, in the hope of deterring people using it as a biking trail. He noted he is not preventing bikes from using it. He is also thinking of scaled down ribbon cutting ceremony. The Public Works crew is working on tennis courts, there are some issues with the poles caused by frost. This year there will be no soccer agreements, as the clubs will be using the new Holtz/Krause fields.

Discussion Doepke Park Property – Park Use Agreement for Garden – Scott stated that a resident on Lily Lane has been using the north side of the Doepke Park as a personal garden for years. It is the understanding; it was a gentleman's handshake from a former Town chairman to allow this resident to use the site. The Town would like to draft a Park Use agreement with the resident and upon the sale of the house the property resorts by to the Town's ownership. The town's attorney has no concerns in drafting an agreement. It was discussed to have the Town's insurance company review a no harm/fault policy.

At this time, Dan Borchardt of MSA provided the Committee with a status update on the grant writing application for Rookery View Park. He provided to members a detailed map of potential enhancements to the Park and how the

Town can gain points in the application process. Enhancements that could be included at the site include a new ice fishing approach, shelter facility, lighting, benches and observation decks. Dan noted he has received a letter of support from the MPO Committee and a committed enhancement of a fix-it station on site.

The application is due May 1st and he would like to obtain additional letters of support from businesses or organizations. Some suggestions included; Gullivar's Landing, Nice as New, the Woodson Art Museum, Lake Wausau Association and the Bird Club. Brad Conklin asked what areas on the application could the committee increase their chances of receiving additional points.

Park Project List – Brad Conklin reviewed the project list. Chad Grundemann distributed kiosk deigns and potential locations at Doepke Park. He noted this project does not need to be an expensive endeavor. It was recommended if additional kiosks were to be installed there should continuity of style. The can reviewed at the next meeting. Chad is also working on Chellis Park features.

Financial Statement – Scott Turner will provide to the Committee what the Parkland Fund balance is at the next meeting.

Reports form Commission Members – Duane Zeichert noted that is term is up in July and June will be his last meeting. He noted he has been on the committee for 10 years.

Adjournment – Motion by Markevitch/Laron to adjourn at 6:17. Questioned and carried 6:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk