

Rib Mountain Park Commission
September 8, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbrauer, Liesle Markevitch and Marne Bruner. Streets Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter were also present. Chad Grundemann, Brad Conklin and Andrea Larson were excused.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Markevitch/Muehlbrauer to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 minutes. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Streets and Park Report – Street Superintendent Turner informed the committee a memorial bench has been installed along Highway N by Doepke Park. The bench was donated by Gary Kickbusch who had worked many years at Kraft Foods in Wausau. Scott noted damage to a bench along the Rib Mountain State Park trail. He is working to determine the manufacturer to find replacement parts for the back of the bench. The sidewalk has been completed along Rib Mountain Drive for Phase 1.5. Construction has begun on the Highway NN/Highway R shelter, which is being donated by the Lions Club of Rib Mountain.

Summer Recreation Report – Summer Playground Director, Beck Paul provided members with her 2015 annual report. She noted total attendees were down about 20 students however; there was an overall consistency of kids attending each day. Total numbers of kids attending during the last two weeks was also lower. Some contributing factors could be due to the Wausau School Summer School ending and/or families taking vacations.

She suggested that maybe the committee and staff need to review how many weeks the program should actually operate next year and reevaluate field trips since the attendance has been the lowest in years. New to the program and with great enthusiasm was the addition of the bike rodeo.

Discussion and Recommendation for Support of Disc Golf Course near Sunrise Drive, Village of Rothschild – Jerry Muehlbrauer had reached out to Domtar, owner of the property who is interested in the request. He has also contacted Rothschild Public Work Director, Tim Vergara, since the property is in the Village of Rothschild. Jerry stated at this point he has not received any comment from the village. It was suggested the Park Commission draft a letter of support for the disc golf course. **Motion by Markevitch/Muehlbrauer to have**

Scott Turner, Chad Grundemann and Brad Conklin draft a letter of support for the disk golf course on the Domtar property to the Village of Rothschild. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Discussion and Recommendation Approval of 2016 park Budget – Street
Superintendent Turner reviewed the current budget with committee members. As presented, it is in the preliminary form and is seeking any input on projected projects the committee may want to pursue for the 2016 year. **Motion by Bruner/Muehlbrauer to approved the 2016 Budget as presented.** Questioned and carried 4:0.

Update on Park Kiosk Installation – Mr. Turner stated he has spoken to Tony Sherfinski who has recommended an Eagle Scout to complete the project. He will be meeting with all parties this Thursday to work out details. Rough estimate cost is about \$750.

Meeting Procedures and Rules of Order – Scott stated he has a few links that he provide on meeting orders. Liesle suggested providing the manual she had received. Chairman Bursaw explained the meaning of walking quorum due to all the multi-media forms.

Park Project List – Review and Discussion – Scott Turner stated he is still working on ordering the Teal Avenue public access markers. Due to Rib Mountain Drive road construction, some projects have been placed on the back burner.

Financial Statement – Mr. Turner noted the budget by all means is in good shape. He may tweak a few items due to the increase of the Doepke Park utilities usage.

Reports form Commission Members – None

Adjournment – Motion by Markevitch/Muehlbrauer to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk