

Rib Mountain Park Commission
February 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbrauer, Chad Grundemann, Andrea Larson, Marne Bruner and Liesle Markevitvch. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter, Street Superintendent Scott Turner, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden and Town Supervisor Jerry Klein were also present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. Questioned and carried 7:0.

Community Foundation Grant Opportunities – Chairman Brad Conklin stated he had received an e-mail from Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden who indicated she had meet with Community Foundation Director Jean Tehan last week. Gaylene had noted that beside the Community Foundation, Ms. Tehan could provide additional grant opportunities outside of their organization. Chairman Conklin suggested the Committee compile a list of ideas/projects and review at the next week for possible grant options.

Discussion of Possible Dog Park Locations – Town Board Supervisor Jerry Klein he would like to entertain the idea of a community dog park. He has been researching what a typical dog park design consists of.

He is proposing the site location at the intersection of Hummingbird Road and Oriole Lane. The site presently holds a retention pond which holds very little water throughout the year. The site is very visible, which could also lead to fundraising opportunities to off-set some initial costs associated with fencing. Supervisor Klein believes this location meets his criteria of size, location and trail within the property.

Jerry stated he contacted the Department of Transportation for the use of the site but was informed the property was turned over to Marathon County during the Highway R/Hummingbird road expansion. He is currently working with county representatives. He suggested a possible selling point to adjacent property owners could be the installation privacy fencing. **Motion by Grundemann/Bruner to proceed with the site for a future dog park location. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Rookery Park Improvements – Kayak Launch, Perimeter Trail – Update – Supervisor Klein stated there is a need for a sand launch site. This type of

launch surface causes less damage to kayaks. Chad Grundemann informed the Committee upon his research he was provided with information and ideas for launches that would meet ADA requirements. He provided the group with pictures of different launch types. These facilities would need to be removed during the winter months.

The Committee discussed areas within the Town where a site could be installed. Once suggestion was across from Gullivar's Landing by the boat landing. The Committee decided to continue their research on kayak launches and walk some areas during the springtime.

Committee members would like to continue with the development of a perimeter trail at Rookery. Scott Turner proposed reviewing a site map or walking the property in the spring to determine the appropriate location. It was recommend to keep it simply a gravel trail.

Streets and Park Report – Street Superintendent Turner and Bill Bursaw meet with students from UW Stevens Point Interpretive Media class on wayside signage exhibits. Bill explained how the class is conducted and the expectations of the students. Bill, Scott and the group of students will walk the trail is Thursday. The students will develop their project and give a presentation at the end of the semester.

Scott stated the Town has received a \$300 or \$400 donation for a memorial tree(s) for Doepke Park. Scott plans to plant the tree(s) in the northeast corner. The skating rink has been used quite a bit and remains in fair condition.

Discussion on future Eagle Scout Projects – Brad spoke with Eagle Scout Director; Tony Sherfinski who stated the scout enjoyed creating the kiosk. They would like to join up with the Town for future projects. The Committee suggested the possibility of kiosk at Liberty Park noting it would be smaller kiosk.

Park Project List – Review and Discussion – The Committee reviewed the 2015 completed projects.

Financial Statement – Reviewed only.

Reports from Commission Members – Chad Grundemann provided a handout to Committee members with a straightforward description of each Town Park and noted amenities. Logo symbols were also incorporated. At a future date he would like to incorporate pictures of each park during the four seasons. Committee member thanked Chad for his effort.

Adjournment – Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to adjourn at 6:35p.m. Questioned and carried 7:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk