

Rib Mountain Park Commission
April 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting. Questioned and carried 7:0.

Streets and Park Report – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated the road crew has started prepping the parks. He informed the Committee the Town purchased new soccer nets for Doepke Park at a price of \$500 each.

Dog Park – Funding, Possible Location – Chairman Conklin spoke with Supervisor Gerry Klein who has indicated this item should be removed until further notice. The project is still in the works however; with the need to seek approval and signatures from other governmental entities this process will take some time. Park Commissioners again reviewed the two possible dog park locations and determined the Hummingbird Rd/Oriole Ln site is the best suited. **Motion by Grundemann/Bruner to support the proposed dog park location at Hummingbird Road and Oriole Lane. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Doepke Park – Possible Shelter and Grill Locations – Chairman Conklin suggested a grill site location between the baseball field and nature trail. It is a nice level location with many views. Bill Bursaw had a concern about the distance from the parking lot and wondered how many people would want to walk that far with cooler and item in tow. A suggestion was made to install one grill and one picnic table at the site.

Commissioners discussed and recommended the possibility of installing a grill by the shelter but further west by the hockey rink. Discussion was held on the types and style of grills and ones that could be removed during the winter months. **Motion by Bruner/ Grundemann to approve a grill and picnic up to \$750 for Doepke Park to be placed in the northeast corner. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Kiosk Approval and Funding Recommendations – Scott Turner has received an estimate from Modern Builders for construction costs of the kiosks. The 4' x 4" kiosk with a double side would cost about \$1000 and the 4' x 8' one sided would be \$1200.

Commission members decided Rookery View Park would receive the new kiosk. Eagle Scout recipient, Colton would like to have the kiosk completed by the end of May. **Motion by Bursaw/ Markevitch to approve the installation of a 4' x 8' one sided kiosk at Rookery View Park. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Commission members further discussed what funding sources may be available to purchase the needed supplies. It was decided the money would be used from Parkland funds because of the short time frame. **Motion by Grundemann/Bruner to use Parkland Funds to purchase materials for the kiosk at Rookery View Park. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Tree Planting Discussion – Paramount Dr & Hwy 29 – Chairman Conklin stated he had received a call from resident James Nauta on East Lakeshore Drive who is seeking assistance in obtaining trees along Paramount Drive in the right-of-way as a sound barrier. After some discussion, the Commission members agreed this request was not part of a Park Commission concern or request and recommended this item be referred to the Town Board for further review.

Old Business:

Rockery Park Improvements – Kayak Launch, Perimeter Trail – There is no current plan established for a perimeter trail.

Eagle Scout Projects – Colton to work on the kiosk at Rookery View Park.

Domtar Disc Golf – Jerry stated the request is being reviewed by Domtar's legal department.

Park Project List – Review and Discussion – Brad noted there no updates to be included. He will check off the item that was discussed this evening.

Financial Statement – Reviewed.

Reports from Commission Members – Jerry expressed his concern for the hazards of crossing Rib Mountain Drive at Rookery Park and options available to address the situation. Marne' asked if the Town has given any thought about the Ash Bore problem soon to be facing Marathon County. Bill informed the Commission that he had received draft sign panels from the UWSP students and would be glad to share their ideas. Brad commented on the pictures that Andrea had provided during the last snow storm.

Adjournment – Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk