

Rib Mountain Park Commission
May 10, 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 April 12, 2016 meeting. Questioned and carried 7:0.

Streets and Park Report – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated the geese have returned and are nesting by the Fire Station. Maintenance bids were recently opened for Armor Crack Sealing repairs at the Liberty Park Tennis Courts at a cost of \$20,000. The crew continues to slowly prepare the parks for the season. The crew has been focused on preparing Red Bud Road for pavement repairs. The tunnel trail is getting one step closer to being completed and maintenance continues on the 51/39 trail, repairing the boardwalk.

Kiosk Update – Rookery Park – Chairman Conklin stated he has not received any additional updates from Scout Master Tony. Scott stated a site has been marked at Rookery Park for the kiosk.

UW Stevens Point – Nature Trail Update – Bill Bursaw informed the Commission he met Tuesday with the Interpretative Media students and viewed their presentations. Bill showed the group two 24” x 36” posters the students created, which incorporated the DNR’s and Town’s logo into the posters. He noted that two groups of students presented panels relating to Doepke Park attributes.

In addition to the paper panels, students provided flash drives with their work. Commission members were able to view some of their supplementary work. Overall, Bill was very pleased with their quality of work. Scott Turner said he would gather all the panel presentations and email to members for review and determination for the final selection.

Bill mentioned a couple agencies the State Park has worked with in creating/designing the panels. Estimated cost per panel is \$300 plus the necessary hardware for installation.

Kayak Launch Discussion – Rookery Park – Chad Grundemann stated the grant application through the Community Foundation is due by June 1st. He feels confident the Park Commission has the concept and mapping needed for the Rookery View Park application. Scott Turner was able to provide Chad with the necessary tax exempt and federal id numbering required to complete the draft application. **Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to move forward with the grant application to the Community Foundation for funding of a kayak launch at Rookery Park. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Approval of Rookery Park Use – Wausau Elks Youth Fishery – Scott Turner stated he was contacted by the Elks Club regarding a youth fishery for the middle of June. **Motion by Grundemann/Bursaw to approve the Elk’s Youth Fishery request subject to all necessary requirements. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Old Business:

Potential Eagle Scout Projects – Nothing new to offer, but a suggestion was made to brainstorm for potential projects.

Domtar Disc Golf – Chairman Conklin stated he has been in contact with Peter Hoover, disk golf designer, who has provided Domtar with estimated construction costs. Domtar and the Village of Rothschild will be holding a meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize plans. There was discussion if it was possible for the Town to take over ownership of the Domtar property, such as if the parcel could be annexed to the Town. Brad also mentioned the parking issue along Sunrise Dr. Scott stated he has been working with the property owner. The Town will be adding some large boulders along the right-of-way, creating four or five parking stalls and installing directional parking signage.

Dog Park – Street Superintendent Turner met with the Highway Commissioner to review the site.

Doepke Park – Grill/Picnic Station – The site will be reviewed and a grill will be ordered.

Park Project List – Review and Discussion – Noting new to be added at this time. Chad made mention of the Doepke Park photos.

Financial Statement – Reviewed. Scott noted that \$15,000 was taken from the Parkland Fund for the tennis court repairs.

Reports from Commission Members – Andrea Larson reported that at the last Bike/Ped Committee meeting, members requested a safe crossing enhancement at Rookery Park be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan. The Trillium Trail grant request made the first cut at the MPO level and has been forwarded to the State for final ranking. A new shelter will be constructed by Kocourek Chevrolet, with Kocourek providing funding and construction. Brad made note of land for sale on the southwest corner of Red Bud Rd, thoughts for future Town greenspace.

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

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk