

Rib Mountain Park Commission  
August 9, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbrauer, Chad Grundemann and Andrea Larson. Liesel Markevitch and Marne' Bruner were absent. Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner was also present.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting. Questioned and carried.**

**Guest:** Diane Bloodworth, who reside at Bluebird land and Rib Mountain Drive, had questions about the Rib Mountain State Park public meeting regarding the ski hill expansion. Bill Bursaw provided Ms. Bloodworth his business card and suggested she contact him with any related questions.

**STREET & PARK REPORT** – Street Superintendent Turner informed the Committee the Town is on its third round of spraying for sand dauber bees at Chellis Park. They do not sting but are annoying type of insect. The Public Works crew are in the process of cleaning up a large pine tree that fell at Liberty Park. The Doepke Family memorial bench has arrived. The approximate cost after engraving will run about \$1200. It was suggested that the Park Commission may want to review increasing the donation fee from \$1000 to \$1200. Eagle Scout Colton Brockman has completed the kiosk at Rookery View Park. About two weeks ago, St Jude's held a run at Doepke which went well. Faith Christian Academy has once again requested and completed a park use agreement for Doepke Park. It was noted the Town's attorney reviewed and approved the request last year. **Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to approve Faith Christian Academy's park use agreement. Questioned and carried.**

**DOEPKE PARK GRILL:** A grill be added at the park behind the baseball diamond. It was also recommended an ash container be added near the site. Commission members noted they may want to consider placing a grill near the shelter in the future.

**KAYAK LAUNCH:** Chad stated he had updates regarding the kayak launch area. It was noted that the Bridge Street kayak launch site is easy to use for the novice. The Town crew has been unable to add sand at the Rookery View area due to scheduled road projects. It may get addressed in September when projects start to slow down.

**NATURE TRAIL SIGNAGE:** Bill Bursaw suggested the Town may need to seek funding sources.

**EMERALD ASH BORER:** Bill recommended the Town count and list the number of ash trees within the township. Scott Turner is in talks with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council to obtain a grant to help conduct a survey. The Town has 73 miles of roads and he hopes to complete the survey by Spring of 2017. At the present time the number of ash trees in the Town and Rib Mountain State Park is unknown. Per Bill, there are no funds available to address the emerald ash borer at the state park. Trees that are infected on private lands are not the responsibility of the Town. The Department of Agriculture is leading the EAB fight in Wisconsin, but the DNR.

**ROOKERY VIEW KIOSK:** It was suggested the Commission search out the birding club for advice on what to list on the signs. Scott will ask staff at Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum and the birding groups for suggestions. Brad will reach out to Bill's Musky Club about adding fishing in the area.

**REPORT FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** – No updates

**AJOURNMENT– Motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. questioned and carried.**

Submitted by  
Jerry Muehlbrauer, Commission Member