

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission
September 13, 2011

- I. Call to Order by Chairperson George Snyder at 5:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Bill Bursaw, Liesle Markevitch, Scott Miles, George Snyder and Duane Zeichert were present. Shelley Hertz and Bert Nitzke were excused. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Dept Supervisor, was present. Becky Paul and Jackie Murray were in the audience.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the July 12, 2011 meeting – motion made to approve the minutes as submitted by Bill Bursaw and seconded by Leisle Markevitch passed unanimously.
- IV. Announcements: Sandi Waring resigned from the Park Commission last month. The opening was posted on face book and the Town’s web site. Bert Nitzke was appointed at the last Town Board meeting. Thank you Sandi and welcome Bert!
- V. Streets and Parks Report – Scott S. reported on the following items:
 - a. Playground equipment at Doepke Park is almost complete. The recalled item (“zip line”) will be in place by late September or early October. The “digger” will also be installed at that time. The playground equipment, installation and fence modification was completed for \$61,520 (under the allotted \$65,000).
 - b. North Trail Grant Status – Scott walked the site with DNR Stewardship Grant Director, Beth Nordquist last week. She was impressed with the plan and site. A decision on the \$35,000 grant is due by mid-September.
 - c. Soccer field request – Divine Savior Lutheran School requested permission to use the soccer field at Doepke Park for a practice and games. The one time request was granted. The goals will be anchored before the Septembrrt 29th game.
 - d. The dumpster for Doepke will probably not be installed until spring. An unusual amount of storm related work has delayed this project.
 - e. The 2012 Park Commission budget was reviewed. It is a no increase budget and will be placed on the next meeting agenda for further action.

- VI. Becky Paul, Summer Program Director, presented her report. She stated that the summer program was a great success. Her staff worked well with the children and provided them with many worthwhile and fun activities. Becky's report was very informative and included a parent survey. Several ideas from the parent survey included how affordable the summer program was and that the children really liked the activities and field trips. The program cost \$9,337 and showed a slight increase in enrollment from 2010. Several parents commented they would like a longer session (1-5 PM) and possible extension for an additional week (from 8-9 weeks). Becky would also like to include an emergency cancellation policy if the heat index reaches a certain temperature. Neither Rib Mountain nor South Mountain Schools are air conditioned. Extreme heat can be dangerous for the children. She would like to create a policy for any weather emergency days. Becky also mentioned that some parents wanted to lower the grade requirement (using an age instead). She will prepare some recommendations for the Commission and send them to George for discussion at a later meeting.
- VII. The Doepke Park Shelter Rental form modification was discussed. George explained that the change was necessary to avoid problems with major events and other park events. The new application will include the question: "Does this qualify as a major event?" A major event is defined in the application and requires rental of the shelter in addition to other park facilities. Bill B made the motion and Duane Z seconded it to approve the modification. The motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Fire Department representative Jackie Murray requested permission to reserve Doepke Park for a May 19, 2012 5 K run. Granting them permission at an early date would allow participants to plan ahead. They expect setting the date and place will allow them to increase participation in the event. Money raised will be used to purchase defibrillators for local businesses. Scott S said the request was similar to the Humane Society's request to plan their 2012 event. After some discussion, Leisle D-M made the motion and Scott M seconded it to approve the request by the Rib Mountain Fire Department to reserve the shelter and park grounds for their 5K run on May 19, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

- IX. 2011 Youth Baseball Report – It was a successful season. Adjustments made by Youth Baseball to adjust their schedule and times proved helpful. There was some recent vandalism at the ball diamond – a car drove through the fence and onto the field. (There was also a break in at the Liberty Park shed.) Storm damage to the fencing and bleachers at Doepke Park was also noted.
- X. The 501 (c) 3 application (“non-profit” status) is still pending. Gaylene has met with legal reps about the IRS status but no decision has been made on our request at this time. Leisle D-M will continue work on the brochure and will bring it to a future meeting.
- XI. Budget 2011 – No Report
- XII. Election Committee – Leisle D-M will make phone calls to help determine candidates for Commission positions (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary).
- XIII. Open Discussion - Bill B asked how the parks fared with the summer’s extreme heat and storms. Scott reported that there are still some trees down from the July storm but adequate rainfall helped negate any problems related to extreme weather/temps,
- XIV. Adjournment - Bill B made the motion and Scott M seconded it. The motion passed.

Scott Miles
Recording Secretary