

**Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission**

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Call to order:

George Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present: Shelly Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Bill Bursaw, Liesle Markovitch, George Snyder, Bert Nitzke and Scott Miles. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Superintendent, was excused due to illness.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the amended minutes (Bill Bursaw's name was removed from the present list and Liesle was asked to check on the donor brochure's wording of the mission statement) from November 8, 2011 was made by Duane Z. and seconded by Liesle M. The motion passed.

Streets and Parks Superintendent's Report:

George reported that the winter program is progressing in spite of the warmer weather. Ice rinks which opened were now closed until new ice surfaces can be prepared. As soon as that is done, they will reopen.

Review of 2012 Park Commission Projects and Goals:

George reviewed the 2012 projects list prepared by Scott S. The chart with calendar will be used throughout the year to revisit each project's progress. For example, in February the "park hours signage" will be worked on and discussed at our Feb meeting. The WYBA Contract was listed as running from April through December. It will be an on-going process spanning several months (contract would be due in Sept) as the attorneys develop a new contract for the Town and WYBA. Once that is done, it was suggested that the attorney review the contract with the Park Commission so members are informed of all aspects of the new contract. This may avoid confusion and uncertainty for both parties.

Bert asked about the Hwy 51/29 trail which was listed on the chart as running from May-Sept (design and bid) and from Oct – Dec (construction). He questioned if construction could actually be done in the winter months. George explained that in checking with Gaylene and Scott, Wal-Mart was the only property owner that was still checking on liability issues. No approval had been received and the project cannot be started until that paperwork is returned. This may delay any

construction on the trail. A question was asked about the location of the trail – on private property or in the scenic easement of the highway. George thought the construction would be in the scenic easement. All but the Wal-Mart property easement have been signed off on and once this issue is resolved, work on the trail can begin.

An additional question was asked about the roll up doors at Doepke Park and how long that work would take? Starting this project in September seems like such a busy time for town workers. Scott S. will address that issue when we review the chart at our next meeting.

Donations Brochure Update:

George had taken a copy of the donor brochure from our November meeting to the Town Board. They liked the document and appreciated the work done by Liesle and Bill. They agreed to have it posted on the Town's web site and Facebook page. Gaylene will work with Liesle to make this happen. A slight modification of the brochure will be done once the Town's tax exempt status - 501(c)3 form- is approved. A small number of brochures will be printed for display and use at the Town Hall until approval is received – it has been filed with the IRS. George thanked Liesle and Bill for there work on the brochure.

Rookery View “Fishery”:

Scott S had received a request from Tom Haebig, representing the Optimists Club, for use of Rookery Park for their annual “Fishery”. They would run this event from noon – 3 pm on Sunday, February 12, 2012. As in the past, the Optimists would clean the area after the event. Motion to approve the event was made by Bill B and seconded by Shelley H. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken on a fund raiser by the American Cancer Society because information or a representative was not available.

Budget – Financial Status:

The financial document in our packet was reviewed. Shelter rentals had earned \$3200 for the Town.

Open Discussion:

George received a letter from the DNR with information about trail development at Doepke Park. No action was needed on our part as the Town Board had already acted on the paperwork for this project.

Bert N had been contacted about an April 20, 2012 International Community Service Day. The group is looking for projects in parks. Bert will contact Scott S about this event.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill B and seconded by Scott M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 5 pm.