

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission
Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Call to order:

Bert Nitzke called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present: Shelly Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Bill Bursaw, Liesle Markovitch, Bert Nitzke and Scott Miles. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Superintendent was present. George Snyder was excused. Becky Paul, Summer Program Coordinator, was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the amended minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting was made by Duane Z. and seconded by Shelley H. The motion passed.

Streets and Parks Superintendent's Report:

Scott S. reported on the winter program. He commented that ice conditions have been a problem all season because of the weather. Good days have been quite busy and he has been working on making sure the ice is available for skaters. Discussion of some ice issues (including "stinky" ice) followed. He also reported that a window was broken in February at the Doepke Park shelter. It cost \$330 dollars to replace.

2012 Park Commission Projects and Goals:

1. Signage will be posted at all parks indicating park hours. An additional sign for the use of the ice rink will be posted at Doepke usage.
2. Scott S. has been in contact with Lana (from Play World) and reported that the "zip line" cannot be installed. She will make other options available at our next meeting so as to complete the playground installation at Doepke Park.
3. The 51/39 trail now has signed documents from all property owners and will be able to proceed after DOT approval. The target start date is May 25, 2012.
4. The Youth Baseball contract will be an on-going item throughout 2012 until it is signed by all parties. The Park Commission will keep it on their agenda and will receive updates as the contract issues are discussed.

5. Scott S. was contacted by a “gun club” that would like to erect a flag pole at Doepke Park in memory of LeRoy Jonas (former Town Chairman). Lighting would be available for the flag as electrical work will be done to illuminate the area of the new garbage dumpster. This may help illuminate an additional area and help with shelter security. The club will attend a future meeting to describe what they would like to do. Bill B. reminded us that this type of donation is not included in the new donor brochure. That will be addressed after hearing the club’s plan.
6. Scott S. showed pictures of the roll up doors currently in place at the Doepke Park shelter. These doors are scheduled and budgeted to be replaced because they are not energy efficient and do not meet the needs of the shelter. He had talked with Overhead Door Co. about replacing them with better insulated doors. The estimated cost is \$1300 to replace the two north facing doors with insulated roll up doors and replace the two south facing doors with windows and block. The windows would have a fixed portion and a portion that could open to aid with ventilation during summer months. The idea of having two swinging doors inside the shelter was also discussed. This would better meet the needs of the shelter and be much more energy efficient. The discussion of his idea was positive and he will continue to pursue these ideas and report back to the Commission.
7. Duane Z asked about the door locks at Doepke and Scott S said installation will be done shortly.

Summer Program Review:

Becky Paul, Summer Program Coordinator, attended the meeting and presented several ideas that she wanted to include in the flyer that would advertise the program. On page two, “Inclement Weather”...she wanted to clarify that weather conditions (specifically heat and humidity) could force cancelation of the program. Conditions can be unsafe for children in buildings that are not air-conditioned. Shelley H suggested that the following be added: “...if the heat index is forecast to exceed 100 degrees, all program activities will be canceled. Parents can check the Town web site, facebook page or contact the Town Hall at (715) 842-0983.” Bill B. made that statement a motion and Scott M. seconded it. The motion passed.

After some discussion about the fee, Shelley H. made the motion to increase the fee per child from \$35 to \$40 for the eight week summer program. Duane Z. seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Becky described the proposed field trips for the summer program. Shelley H. suggested a “tennis clinic” at Liberty Park instead of the Doepke Park field trip. She will work with Becky on that plan. A motion was made to accept the field trip portion of the summer program by Bill B. and seconded by Liesle M. The motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that there would be no program on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the July 4th week. It is often a time of family vacations. The parent survey from last year was also discussed. No additional changes were deemed necessary.

Donations Brochure Update:

We are still awaiting 501(c)(3) status. It is being reviewed by the attorney and when George S. returns we plan to move ahead on the finalization of the brochure.

Open Discussion:

Scott M. indicated that he will be unable to attend the March meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 5 pm.