

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, January 11, 2005

Chairman Larry Godlewski called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present: George Snyder, Jon Otterbacher, Chuck Kickbusch, Lette Becker and Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator. Excused: Shelley Hertz and Daniel Schneider. Also attending: Mary Timm, Director of the Summer Program.

George moved we accept the minutes of December 14, 2004. Chuck seconded it. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes passed as written.

Administrator's Report: Gaylene brought to our attention a discrepancy in what the rink attendant/manager is being paid. According to the budget, any returning employee is to be paid at his/her previous hourly rate plus the percentage of increase matching the raise the rest of the Town employees received for the budgetary year. In the case of the rink attendant, the wage should be \$9.57 an hour with the 3% increase. Jon made a motion that his hourly rate be raised to \$9.57 as a returning employee and that he is to receive back pay commensurate with the adjusted rate of pay. George seconded it. The motion passed.

Dan Dziadosz, Building Inspector, spoke with Gaylene regarding the electrical needs for Doepke Park. The commission must go through the Planning Commission for approval of the lighting specifications. The Plan Commission will ~~has~~ have old a public hearing. We must determine all future lighting needs. Mike Resch of Wisconsin Public Service can advise us on the anticipated electrical load. Larry said a pedestal will have to be built to service both the baseball diamonds as well as the rest of the park. Two meters will be installed to separate Wausau Area Youth Baseball's usage from the rest of the park.

Larry distributed copies of the Town of Rib Mountain Survey dated November 2004 ~~for member perusal~~ to members for their perusal.

The unaudited report for Parkland and Rib Mountainfest funds shows approximately \$2500 left in the combined funds for park projects. Gaylene spoke to the individual at the state who handles the Stewardship funds and we may shift monies not used for other parts of the project, i.e. parking lot and hiking/fitness trail, to the help pay for construction of a shelter. Our present assessment of the situation still showed this ~~will~~ not to be enough to cover the full cost of a shelter. Additional funds must be sought from other sources.

A special meeting will be called to discuss the lighting and shelter at Doepke Park.

Summer Program: Chuck mentioned the drop in participation and registration. Mary Timm said that the greater number of children now attending is in the five to eight-year old age bracket. She felt that part of the reason fewer children attend is due to the greater number of community-wide recreational offerings. Mary also

mentioned that parents are less likely to have the younger children go on out-of-town bus trips and prefer to drop off the children for local trips rather than have them ride the bus. Discussion included possibilities for gearing the program to the younger age group, modifying the trip places/schedule and marketing the program beyond sending out information through Rib Mountain elementary schools. It was suggested Mary check with the Wausau Parks summer program as well.

Fundraising update: George reported the Foundation funds at \$36,310.64. There are new proposals for ~~funding~~ fund raising being considered.

Bike Rodeo: Lette reported Ned Bandy of the Pedestrian Safety Committee contacted her regarding the date of this year's rodeo. Ned will get the elementary school calendars for May and we will schedule the rodeo around school functions. The Safety Committee will assist again this year.

Winter Program: Larry reported on the Winter Program on Daniel's behalf. Daniel reported activity is good. They will be adding ice in anticipation of the coming cold snap.

Building and Grounds: Chuck met with the Boy Scouts regarding the park projects. They will work on tree planting at Chellis Park.

Chuck moved the meeting be adjourned and Lette seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2005, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary