

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Chairman Larry Godlewski called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present: George Snyder, Jon Otterbacher, Chuck Kickbusch, Shelley Hertz, Lette Becker and Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator. Absent: Daniel Schneider.

Lette made the following changes to the minutes of January 11, 2005. Paragraph 4. Sentence 3, change has to *have* a public hearing. Paragraph 5 the sentence should end with *to members for their perusal*. Paragraph 6, sentence 3, add the word *will* ... showed this *will* not be enough to cover the full cost of a shelter. Under Fund-raising update: change the word funding to *fund-raising* being considered.

George moved we accept the minutes of December 14, 2004, as amended. Chuck seconded it and the minutes were passed as amended.

Administrator's Report: Gaylene, Dan Dziadosz, and Larry will meet to discuss the electrical requirements for Wausau Youth Baseball Inc. (WYBI) and the park's future development. Future park electrical needs may include lighting for the skating rinks, shelter, basketball, and other play areas. The Town attorney recommended we have two separate agreements with WYBI, one which addresses the electrical usage for the diamonds/concession stand and the other for WYBI's general park use.

Gaylene asked that we look over the Five-year Plan and update it.

Youth Baseball Agreement: Larry handed out the final agreement with WYBI. The agreement will go to the Town Board for their approval. Chuck moved that we allow Larry to sign the agreement on the Park Commission's behalf. Shelley seconded it. Motion was carried.

Fritz Doepke Park and Recreation Area Update: The fitness stations and signs have been ordered. George reported the signing of the stations was reviewed prior to the order being placed.

Bike Rodeo: Lette reported a date has not been set as yet for the rodeo. An inventory of prizes will be taken and prizes ordered for this year. Contributors and volunteers will be contacted starting in the spring. The rodeo will remain at the municipal building site.

Summer Program: Shelley will contact Tom McDonald concerning the tennis program. The courts at Liberty Park were discussed. The town crew repaired the large crack in the court in the late fall. There was considerable speculation as to the outcome, what effect the weather would have on the repair.

Fundraising update: George reported an increase in Foundation funds to \$36,610.64. The Weyerhaeuser Foundation contributed \$5,000 which is earmarked for the shelter. Habush, Habush and Rottier is making a \$15,000 contribution for the fitness/hiking trail. Abbotsford Bank is contributing \$2,500 and other businesses have indicated a contribution of something in the future year. The Rib Mountain Businesses Association will be talking to us regarding a fundraiser for the park and playground equipment. Helke's is donating a bench. The next meeting for the Fund-raising committee is on February 16th.

Winter Program: Daniel was not in attendance however Chuck reported the recent thaw took a major toll on the ice skating rinks. He said the rinks are expected to reopen later this week. The hockey rink is getting more use than the recreational rink at this time.

Building and Grounds: Projects for the Boys Scouts and Eagle projects were discussed. Chuck will talk to the scouts about sign painting and building of signs for the parks. Chuck said that WYBI requested use of Liberty Park for games. They need to give the dates they want to use the diamonds. Larry asked that Chuck have them tell us what needs to be done on the diamonds to bring them up to a good playing level.

Other projects that scouts could be a part of and is very much needed, is clean-up of the parks and tennis courts. Both the boy and the girl scouts could work on this type of project.

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

The next meeting will be March 8, 2005, at 7:00 PM and the focus will be on the priorities for Doepke Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary