

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission
Monday, April 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. Also present: Darin Westover, technical consultant. Absent: Shelley Hertz and Daniel Schneider

Chuck Kickbusch moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2005, meeting be approved as written. Jon Otterbacher seconded it. The motion was carried.

Administrator's Report and Fritz Doepke Recreation Area Update:

Electrical Plan: Darin Westover gave an estimate of the costs of running power to the Doepke Recreation area. The cost for the hardware for the connection from Public Service's access to the Doepke Recreation Area is \$17,950. This includes parking lot fixtures and poles that would not be installed until a later date unless funding would become available. Electrical installation and switch gear base construction is estimated at \$2,900. As electrical hookup is needed for both the baseball facilities as well as the park, the cost of running in the power based on the hardware and installation to the property would be split between Wausau Youth Baseball and the Park Commission. Shared costs would be \$8,675.00 each. This would not include the parking lot hardware or the cost of running the power from the transformer pad to the baseball facility area. Gaylene drew up a letter to Wausau Youth Baseball regarding splitting the costs for this work. If WYBI agrees to this arrangement, they are to sign and return the letter so that we can immediately go forward with this work. It takes Wisconsin Public Service approximately three weeks after the hardware is installed before it can be added to their schedule and the power turned on. George Snyder moved to accept Darin's estimate and to send the letter to Wausau Youth Baseball regarding splitting the costs of the electrical work. Jon Otterbacher seconded it. The motion carried.

Action Plan 2005: We are on target by approving the electrical plan for Doepke Recreation Area tonight. Gaylene indicated another layer of granite was added to the walking path today. The trail is lined with a number of bluebird houses put up by the Kiwanis Club and George noted ducks and other birds in the area. Lee Recreation will come in and instruct volunteers on how to put together the fitness stations and will also mark where the stations are to be installed. A group of five or more volunteers should be sufficient to work on this project. The goal date is June 11th. Morton Buildings has been in contact with us regarding a shelter. The shelter requirements will need to be revised before the bidding process can again begin. The cutoff for shelter completion is June 2006. We will have an additional meeting in May to keep on target with our deadlines and priorities.

Green space by McCleary Bridge: Glen Speich of the Marathon County Highway Department has offered the Town an area, peninsula to the east of the new road near Mallard, that we can use as a passive park. Gaylene and Dan Dziadosz looked over the property and there is room for a parking lot and access to Lake Wausau for fishing. There is sewer and water on the property. No boat access is allowed, however, passive activities would include picnicking and fishing. We recommended Gaylene go ahead and clear everything with Glen. Glen will have his crew clean up and level an area for parking.

Fund Raising Committee Report:

George reported Community Foundation Funds at \$54,350.64 with \$5,944.00 being paid out for the fitness stations leaving a balance of \$48,416.64. Habush, Habush and Rottier donated \$15,000 for naming rights for the hiking trail, Abby Bank donated \$7,000 and Weyerhaeser \$5,000 for the picnic shelter.

Bike Rodeo:

Volunteers have been contacted, notices will be sent to the elementary schools shortly and Leanne Mower is drawing the design for the shirts for the rodeo. The rodeo will be held on Thursday, May 26th.

Summer Program:

Mary Timm, Summer program director, is advertising for program assistants.

Winter Program: no report

Building and Grounds:

Larry asked commission members to go around to the parks and report any maintenance items needing attention. Chuck mentioned the tennis courts at Liberty Park have been worked on, however, there is a minor crack that still needs to be filled. Gaylene questioned funds being available for further work on the tennis courts. We need to look back at our budget.

Next month's meeting dates are May 10th and May 24th.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn. Lette seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Record Secretary