

**Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission  
Tuesday, May 10, 2005**

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

George moved that the minutes of April 11, 2005, be approved as written. Daniel seconded it. The motion was carried.

**Administrator's Report:**

Electrical Plan: Gaylene reported she is working with Wausau Youth Baseball and Public Service regarding the cost of the electrical power installation at Doepke Park and Recreation area. The installation needs to be done in June. She will update the commission on the final agreement and cost of installation.

Summer Help: As the baseball diamonds will not be ready for play this year, the need for maintenance of Doepke Park is reduced. Gaylene recommended we use the part-time winter employee, Gene Setterman, for summer park maintenance. The total number of hours this individual could work would be 300. This is approximately half of what we had estimated would be needed. Utilizing this person to do the maintenance would save us time in the hiring/interviewing process as well. We agreed with Gaylene and will have her ask him to do the park maintenance for this season.

Larry raised the question as to whether or not we need to purchase another lawn mower for park maintenance. This will be looked into.

Green space by McCleary Bridge: The County indicated that the number of parking spaces at the passive park would be less than ten. Discussion followed and we agreed that however many they could put there would have our approval. There is also parking available to the west on an access road..

Highway R Bike/Hiking trail: Gaylene has received some complaints from residents regarding the use of the trail, i.e. people walking their pets and not picking up the excrement. (Town ordinance covers this situation as well.) There are also some general rules individuals should follow when walking or biking along the trail, such as staying to right, yielding the right of way when individuals wish to pass and common sense courtesy that should be followed. The county probably will allow for posting of some "courtesy rules" along the trail. We will address the issue on a future agenda.

**Doepke Park and Recreation Area:**

Skating rinks/volleyball courts/open playing field: Daniel went over the situation with Roy Sawczuk of the Town crew of the where the trail was laid and the location of the future ice skating rinks/volleyball courts. They agreed that a section of the trail would need to be relocated so the open playing field could be graded appropriately without the trail running through the middle of it. Also the layout of the rinks along with any plans for the future lighting and warming house needs to be modified from how the county laid out the rink area. Daniel will restake the area and work with Roy on the grading of this area.

Daniel raised the question of a water source for the rink. Earlier it had been decided the least expensive and most effective water source would be a well. Daniel will bring the estimates again so we can move forward on this part of the project.

Bluebird Trail: Chuck reported that the bluebird trail is finished and there are twenty-one bluebird houses. The nesting would be monitored and they may try to get the trail on the National Registry of Bluebird Trails.

Benches: George reported that the benches donated by Wausau Homes would be coated and delivery expected in a couple of weeks. They will be green and temporarily placed throughout the park. At a later date they will be permanently set in concrete at the best locations. The concrete benches need to have the sign/plagues engraved before they are actually poured. George and Chuck will handle this and a purchase order written. There are five of these heavier benches. Only one donor requested their bench be located on a specific site.

**Fund Raising Committee Report:** George reported the present balance is \$54,610.64. He said a company is considering donating a message board for Doepke park. This would allow event schedules and other notices to be posted there. We are hoping for a firm commitment soon for the board.

#### **Bike Rodeo:**

The design for the shirts is complete and has been forwarded to the printer. Donated helmets are here. Station supplies are set aside.

#### **Summer Program:**

Mary Timm contacted Gaylene and is ordering supplies for the summer program.

#### **Building and Grounds:**

Chuck reported that Nick Wisler had completed his project of moving trees from Liberty Park to Chellis. Nick will water trees on a weekly basis until late fall or until winter sets in.

There are funds available for resurfacing one of the tennis courts. Gaylene asked which one we are anticipating redoing.

A reminder that our next meeting will be May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary