

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Chairman Larry Godlewski called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present: George Snyder, Daniel Schneider, Chuck Kickbusch, Shelley Hertz, Jon Otterbacher, Lette Becker and Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator. Also in attendance was Paul Pickarz, Wausau Youth Baseball, Inc.

Lette made corrections to the minutes regarding possible donation of a message board for Doepke Park and Recreation area and also under Building and Grounds that Nick Wisler would be watering the trees he planted at Chellis Park. Shelly moved that the minutes of May 10, 2005, be approved as corrected and Chuck seconded it. The motion was carried.

Doepke Park and Recreation Area:

Baseball: Paul Piekarz reported that the dugouts are being completed, the windscreen is up, the fields have been fertilized and mowed, and the infield is looking great. He is working with WPS regarding the cost of running the electrical lines to the diamonds. Paul said there is a problem with the left outfield on the practice diamond. It is substantially lower than it should be. This is the area where the drainage pipe was installed because of water from a spring. Regrading is necessary to bring this up to a level where it should be. WYB intends to install a backfield fence in this area.

Skating rinks/volleyball courts/open playing field: Daniel handed out the plan for the layout of the rinks/volleyball courts. There is room for seven courts within the areas that will serve as ice skating rinks in the winter. George moved we accept Daniel's plans for placement of the rinks/volleyball courts. Chuck seconded it. The motion carried.

Daniel indicated the soccer/playing field area will need to be moved slightly and realigned. Grading is necessary to go forward with this. Larry indicated the cost for a grader is \$1700 from Framke's. Daniel will work with Roy to complete this project. Also the walking/fitness path will go on the outside of the rink/volleyball area along the property line on South Mountain Road rather than through the rinks and playing field.

Discussion followed regarding moving the old warming house to Doepke versus building a new one. Shelley volunteered to draw up a plan and get a material estimate for a new one. We will need to run the water and electrical to the location of the warming house. Darin Westover recommended using Town water as the laterals are already in place at Doepke. If we run the water to the warming house it would prevent the pipes from freezing in the winter and the hose would be readily available for flooding the rinks. We still need to approve the expenditure for running the laterals for the water to the area of the warming house. Daniel indicated the heater for the warming house is still in good working condition.

Fitness Trail: Saturday, June 11, 9:00 – 3:00 is set for building the fitness stations. Volunteers from the commission should ask a friend to come along and help. We'll need five to eight volunteers. Lee Recreation's people will supervise the construction of the stations.

Park Shelter: We are looking for donated labor and materials for this project as the bids came in too high to proceed at this point.

Parking Lot: George asked if we could obtain some large boulders to mark off the parking lot and prevent cars and trucks from driving onto the grassy area unimpeded. It was recommended we ask Wimmer Construction if they'd be willing to donate and drop off some large boulders for this purpose. This will be looked into.

Other Projects: Daniel would like to ask the VFW if they'd donate flags and poles for Doepke Park. If they agree to donate these items we will decide where they should be installed at a later date.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Bike Rodeo:

George said the Fundraising Committee would like to have a Family Fun Day at Doepke Park and Recreation Area in conjunction with the Park Commission. We thought this would be a good idea. Lette moved we accept the invitation to work with them and Daniel seconded it. Shelley and Lette volunteered to work with a committee to set up this event. The event would be set for Sunday, August 21st. Members of the Town Board, Town staff, Wausau Youth Baseball and Sam's Club/Walmart would be invited to assist in this event as well. The motion was carried.

The donation of a message board has been received and accepted.

Bike Rodeo:

Lette reminded everyone who volunteered that the Bike Rodeo is Thursday night.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary