

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, June 14, 2005

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

George moved the minutes of May 24, 2005, be approved as written. Chuck seconded it. The motion was carried.

Administrator's Report and Doepke Park and Recreation Area Update:

Larry went over the memo from Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator. Scott Schatschneider, the new Street and Park Superintendent, will start June 27th.

Shelley will touch base with Gaylene on the resurfacing of the tennis courts. She has two estimates, one from Fahrner and the other from Al-Chroma. Al-Chroma's is \$7600 and Fahrners is slightly higher. Both estimates covered close to the same thing: a power wash, cleaning, filling of cracks, one coat of acrylic and restriping. She recommended we do the work on the Rib Mountain School courts first as these are the courts used for the tennis lessons. We can do the Liberty courts next year.

George will contact Jamie Shaefer of Wausau Youth Baseball regarding the status of the electrical work at Doepke Park and Recreation Area.

Shelley reported on the costs for the warming house. Moving the old warming hut would cost \$2600 without a concrete slab to set it on. The slab would cost \$3200. Materials for building a new one would be \$4060.25 without the slab foundation or electrical. We discussed other options and what parts of the old warming house we could salvage for use in a new warming house.

Further discussion included:

- locating the rinks and warming house closer to the area where the shelter would be built,
- combining the warming house and the shelter,
- matching the building materials of two buildings,
- modification of design including a kneewall on a prefab building,
- matching cement blocks with baseball dugouts on whatever building design we choose for the shelter, and,
- location of the ice skating rinks/volleyball courts and playing/soccer field in relation to the warming house and shelter.

George made a motion to have the soccer field run adjacent to the southwest line of the property. Larry, Park Commission Chairman, will arrange a meeting with Gaylene, Roy, and Daniel to explore this. He will work with our new superintendent to facilitate the move. Shelley seconded the motion and it was carried.

Eleven of the fitness stations were installed on Saturday. One station will be added when the rest of the trail is completed.

Fundraising Committee Report:

George asked for suggestions as to the amount to be included in the letter requesting funds for the shelter. The \$90,000 available for the shelter does not include electrical and additional expenses. The funds for the fitness stations have been paid out and there is a balance of \$50,516 at this time. There has been some interest in contributions to the shelter. A message board has been ordered for Doepke Park. This was donated by the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin.

Bike Safety Rodeo:

Lette reported there were more Pre-K and kindergarteners at the rodeo this year. The Pedestrian Safety Committee has offered to take over the rodeo. George made a motion that we accept the Pedestrian Safety Committee's offer and Shelley seconded it. The motion carried. Again, we thank them for the assistance and encourage the commissioners to continue to volunteer for future rodeos.

Summer Program:

Chuck reported this is Mary Timm's 17th year as Director of the summer program. The summer help has been hired and approved for employment. Jessica Woller is the helper and Megan Schoepke the assistant direct. They will be paid \$7.03/hr and \$8.74 respectively. The program runs June 13 through August 2 and presently has 46 participants. Mary told Chuck she needs additional storage for supplies. This will be looked into.

Winter Program: no report

Building and Grounds:

Larry reminded the commissioners to do spot checks of all the parks, test equipment and look for any maintenance items that need attention.

The Town Board approved a Family Fun Day at Doepke Park. A volunteer is needed to head up this project as Michele Schaefer will be unable to chair this committee.

Larry will call an additional meeting either June 20 or June 27 to discuss construction of the shelter and warming house at Doepke.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary