

**Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission
Tuesday, July 12, 2005**

Chairman Larry Godlewski called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present: George Snyder, Jon Otterbacher, Shelley Hertz, Chuck Kickbusch, Lette Becker, Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator, and Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent. Others present: Dave Hansen, Town resident.

Shelley moved the minutes of June 14, 2005, be approved as written. George seconded it. The motion was carried.

Our new Street and Park Superintendent Scott Schatschneider was introduced and welcomed.

Larry reported he spoke with the Town Board regarding the lack of funds available for building the shelter at the Doepke Park. The board is supportive of having a shelter and asked for an accounting of funds needed to complete current projects. Gaylene distributed a spreadsheet of estimated costs, expenditures thus far, funding resources, balance in account and encumbered dollars for outstanding bills. Below is a partial list of areas with expected completion this summer and fall.

Project	Estimated Costs - Funding
Ice skating rinks (Work needing to be done: grading, sand fill, electrical, and a water source to flood rinks)	\$16,000 – Fundraising \$9,000
Parking lot (additional work needed)	\$10,000 – grant, spent \$6407.41
Engineering costs for the shelter	\$2,500 allocated/not paid as yet
Earthtech	\$3437.28 allocated/not paid as yet
Utilities (sewer, water, laterals, electric)	\$20,000 allocated – paid \$13,911.00 The estimate for costs of running the electrical into the Doepke site are \$17,950 – These costs are to be split with Wausau Youth Baseball.
Moving of old warming hut to Doepke Property	\$2600

Administrator’s Report:

Gaylene has called Wausau Youth Baseball several times for a response to the letter sent regarding the agreement that they would pay half the costs of having electrical power run into the Doepke Park property. Public service has a work order and keeps asking when they should go ahead the work. Gaylene will try once again to reach WYBB to get an answer. There is a question as to the power load needed in this connection. Gaylene will set up a meeting with Larry, Scott, WYBB and herself to resolve this issue.

Dave Hanson, Town resident, shared some concerns by residents. He said they felt more park space is provided by Doepke Park on the south side of the mountain than park space being provided on the north side. The residents living north and east side of

the mountain felt they should have equal access to park opportunities. Discussion followed.

Street/Park Superintendent's Report:

Scott reported that sand has been added to the fitness stations. He went over the Doepke Park plan and indicated that the soccer field, hockey rink and recreational skating rink would not fit as approved by the change at our last meeting. He took the actual dimensions and outlined how the field and rinks would have to be placed to fit in the area. The rinks need to be moved to the area where the skateboard and basketball courts were planned. The basketball court would fit where the playground area was planned and the playground would be moved north of the court.

Discussion followed regarding the warming hut and the possibility of building a combination shelter/warming hut. The old warming hut could be moved to Doepke Park and electrical power run to it for this coming season. Jon moved we accept Scott's layout of the grounds and use the old warming hut for the rinks on the Doepke property this winter. Lette seconded it. The motion carried.

Jon moved we build a combination shelter and warming hut. Shelley seconded it. Larry or Scott will try to reach Doug O'Donnell regarding modifying his plan for the shelter to allow for it being used as a warming hut in the winter.

Fundraising Report:

George indicated he has been taking pictures of the projects at Doepke including the fitness stations and youth baseball practices on the diamonds. This allows contributors and potential donors to see the completed work that has been done. A number of groups have requested use of the park for their functions. The latest is a bird-watching association.

Summer Program:

Chuck said there are 67 children enrolled in the program this summer. They've only had to cancel one trip due to lack of interest and the rest have been well attended. He observed the new assistants are working well with Mary.

Building and Grounds:

Tennis Courts: Shelley has two applicants for tennis lesson instructors. One is a returning instructor. Shelley moved we accept the two applicants and Chuck seconded it. Their applications will be forwarded to the Town to be processed for hiring. The Rib Mountain tennis courts will be resurfaced and it should only take the courts out of play for a few days.

Shelley moved we adjourn and George seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting date is set for August 9, 2005, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary