

## **Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, August 9, 2005**

Chairman Larry Godlewski called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present: George Snyder, Shelley Hertz, Chuck Kickbusch, Daniel Schneider, Lette Becker, and Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent.

Excused: Jon Otterbacher

George moved the minutes of July 12, 2005, be approved as written. Chuck seconded it. The motion was carried.

**Street/Park Superintendent Report:** Scott said the dead pine trees at Chellis Park have been removed. Chuck indicated that the Boy Scout in charge of the replanting was going to replace them. Chuck will contact the scout and see what's happening on this project.

### **Fritz Doepke Recreation Area Update:**

Scott reported the pad for the warming hut is complete. The grading for the rinks and soccer field is continuing. There may be some delay for about a month now however due to completion of street work being a priority. Scott proposed an option for adding a parking lot in the area of the hockey rink for the summer. Members had some reservations about this dual-purpose use as the area would be covered with gravel during the summer and a question as to whether the proposed fabric overlaying the gravel in the winter would sufficiently protect the liner from tearing.

There was discussion regarding the need for water availability close to the hockey rink for flooding and soccer field for future irrigation. Larry asked Scott to get an estimate for the cost of running a water lateral to the area north of the hockey rink and east of the middle of the proposed soccer field.

Shelley will contact Schuette's to move the warming hut to Doepke Park. Scott will sign the contract for the work and fax back the agreement.

The area to be graded for the soccer field will be 330 X 240 feet (110 X 80 yds) , (Regulation size is 110-120 yds. X 65-75 yds.)

Larry spoke with Douglas O'Donnell of O'Donnell Engineering Associates, regarding changing the shelter plans to integrate a warming house into the shelter plan. Doug said he would do this and also try to make some modifications to hold the cost of construction down.

Larry met with Wausau Youth Baseball regarding the electrical connection and load. It was found that the load needed was less than originally thought therefore the electrical hook-up cost estimate is less than half of the originally estimated costs, \$7,800. WYBB would be responsible for \$3120 of the costs of installation and the Town \$4680. A letter of understanding is being sent WYBB and the

agreement needs to be signed and returned. WYBB will be responsible for any additional costs linking power from the box to the baseball diamond area. The power is being run to the warming hut and future shelter location.

**Fund-Raising Committee Report:** George said they will be meeting on Wednesday. There has been receipt of an additional \$500 from Wal-Mart as well as revenue from the sale of more tiles.

**Bike Rodeo:** no report.

**Summer Program:** Chuck said there were 74 registered participants this year, slightly down from 81 of last year. The staff worked well together and the events were a success. Mary Timm will have a complete report for the commission at a later date.

There were ten individuals signed up for tennis lessons. Shelley said that there was no flyer sent out with students in the schools this year and is likely why the response was so low. The Rib Mountain tennis courts will be resurfaced after the lessons are done.

**Winter Program:** Daniel recommended we rehire the rink manager from last year. He's done a good job and the continuity he lends to the project is appreciated. He will start earlier this year so that the hockey boards can be repaired and replaced, and additional boards constructed as need be. The new hockey rink will be larger than the old one. The light poles have been taken down from the old site. Scott said they're in the old hut location and the lights were removed and stored. They will be moved out to Doepke when needed. Poles are also available from WPS and they "rent" them to the property owner where they are located.

**Building and Grounds:** Larry asked that we add "disc golf" in the next phase of development of Doepke Park. There are individuals and organizations available to help construct a course. Daniel will follow up on this project.

Larry offered his resignation to the Park Commission. He has accepted a new job, out of town, and his family will be leaving the Rib Mountain area. The commission members extended their sincere appreciation for all the work he has completed in the short time he chaired the commission. We will miss his strong work ethic. He asked that the nominating committee meet and that George chair the next meeting in his absence.

Chuck moved we adjourn and Daniel seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary