

## **Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

Acting Chairman, George Snyder, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present: Chuck Kickbusch, Daniel Schneider, Shelley Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Berland Meyer and Lette Becker. Also present: Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent.

Acting Chairman, George, called for acceptance of the minutes. Daniel asked if the minutes from the September meeting were indeed amended. The statement in paragraph 2 under **FY 2006 Budget** should read "Daniel voiced concerns regarding accountability as related to the number of hours being charged to the Park Commission budget for work done by the Town Crew." Under the **Winter Program** in the October 11 minutes, it should read that "Scott will be monitoring the hours of the rink manager and attendant and preparation of the warming hut for the skating season." George will ask that members be provided copies of the amended minutes. Daniel moved the minutes from October 11 be accepted as amended and Chuck seconded it. The motion was carried.

George brought our attention to the new listing of members and terms of appointments. He will ask that the terms of office be corrected as individuals replacing members will serve out the terms of the prior member before beginning a new commission term of 7 years by reappointment. We welcomed new member Berland Meyer to the commission. George asked we introduce ourselves and describe our area of responsibility for the benefit of the new members. George asked for election of a new chairman. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Building and Grounds:** Daniel mentioned the sign that divides the bike path leading down the hill on the east end of the property by the fire station on North Mountain Drive is dangerous. The height of the sign is such that bikers must move to the edge of the paved area to avoid running into it. George asked that Scott bring this before the Town Board who had the sign put there to keep vehicular traffic off the path. We concurred with them as far as doing something to keep vehicles off the path and ask the signage be modified to avoid hurting the bikers for which the path was designed.

**Street/Park Superintendent Report and Fritz Doepke Recreation Area Update:** Scott reported that the hole in the baseball outfield will be filled before winter. Regarding the request for funds from the Town for the "shelter," these funds are still in the budget. There is a budget hearing on November 22 when the Town has an opportunity to approve or amend the budget. George recommended we attend this meeting to answer any questions on the Park Commission budget the constituents may have. Once the budget is approved Scott will be able to act on our behalf and meet with Doug O'Donnell, O'Donnell Engineering Associates, regarding plans for a shelter.

Currently there is nothing to report on the development of the soccer field.

The warming hut needs a border around the bottom. Scott checked out the costs for phone service for the rink attendant. We need phone service in case of an emergency. He found the least expensive option is to use a cell phone with a calling card.

Scott indicated the water line is being run tomorrow. The donated posts for the light poles have been picked out. The speakers that are also mounted on the posts are in storage in the Town maintenance building. The area for the rinks will be hand raked and the liners laid. There will not be any sand fill for this season. Sand will be added to this area in the spring. Daniel stated the hose attachment adapter needs to match the size of the incoming water line. He stated the advantage and preference to have this connection in order for the manager to use the hand-held "Zamboni" to flood the rinks. This is the best way to lay an even coat of ice and takes less time than using the old fire hose.

Scott asked about the hiring of a second rink attendant as there is an applicant at this time. The position for a second attendant is in the budget and he will go ahead and review this individual's application and go forward with the hiring process.

The signed agreement with Wausau Youth Baseball was attached with the minutes of the last meeting. Jamie Schaefer of WYBB had some questions at the last meeting regarding maintenance of the diamonds. We will discuss this further at a future meeting prior to the next baseball season.

**Fund Raising Committee Report:** George reported he and Jane Wiley are working on an application for the funding and development of the soccer field. He also mentioned possible donations may be forthcoming from banking sources.

**Summer Program:** Mary Timm has submitted the report and Chuck will look it over and report back at the next meeting.

**Winter Program:** Daniel will initiate a new utilization log. There is no plan to develop a sledding hill for this season.

The portapotties at Chellis and Liberty need to be removed. One portapotty needs to be at Doepke Park and Recreation area for the winter season.

Scott handed out the financial reports and commissioners can look them over and discuss them at the next meeting. The next meeting is set for December 13, 2005, at 7:00 PM. George suggested commissioners come 15 minutes early to the next meeting to share information with the new members. It is felt this would be helpful to them to give them some historic perspective.

Duane moved the meeting be adjourned and Berland seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lette Becker, Recording Secretary