

## **Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, February 14, 2006**

Lette Becker, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Roll was taken. Members present included: Shelley Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Chuck Kickbusch, Berland Meyer, and Daniel Schneider. Also present was Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent. George Snyder was excused.

### **Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

The Commission received minutes from the December meeting instead of the January minutes. Therefore, no vote was taken and the approval of the January minutes will be added to the March agenda.

### **Street and Park report:**

#### **Fritz Doepke Recreational Area:**

Scott reported on the opening of bids for the Doepke Park Pavilion. Bid opening was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 13, 2006. The low bid on the project was \$135,300.00 from Altman Construction in Wisconsin Rapids for the General Construction portion. The low plumbing bid was from Gaffney Plumbing, a Marshfield company, for \$13,100.00 and the low electrical bid was from Discher Electric Inc. located in Rosholt for \$12,975.00. The total of the three project bids, including all alternates, was \$161,375.00. The Commission was pleased with the bid results.

Additional project costs included: 1) Architectural fees from Doug O'Donnell, O'Donnell Engineering Associates, for \$2500.00 and, 2) Earth Tech for surveying fees of \$1500.00.

The total of bids and fees is \$165,375.00.

Scott noted that the cost of the project is within the funds made available from the Township, the DNR grants, and donations. The project work is scheduled to begin on March 27, 2006 and will be completed by June 30, 2006.

#### **Chuck Kickbusch moved to accept the following bids and fees for the construction of the Shelter at Doepke Park:**

- **\$135,300.00 for General Construction from Altman Construction, Wisconsin Rapids,**
- **\$13,100.00 for Plumbing from Gaffney Plumbing, Marshfield,**
- **\$12,975.00 for Electrical from Discher Electric, Inc., Rosholt,**
- **\$1,500.00 for Surveying fees from Earth Tech and,**
- **\$2500.00 for Architectural fees from Doug O'Donnell, O'Donnell Engineering Associates, for a total of \$165,375.00, and to recommend that this project be approved by the Town Board at its next meeting.**

**Duane Zeichert seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.**

There was discussion regarding the final orientation of the building (i.e. whether the restrooms should be on the north or south end). Either is possible. The architect has drawn it with the restrooms on the north end. Some felt that the “picnic area” should be closest to the baseball fields so that one could experience the view of the Mountain. Others felt that the restrooms should be located near the baseball diamonds for easy access by players and fans. Scott said he would check to see if there would be any added costs if the building were rotated 180 degrees.

While there was conversation about the orientation of the building, there was no discussion that the final decision on project or that construction should be held-up for this reason.

### **Winter Program Report:**

Scott reported that the two skating rinks have been used by many community members since their opening this winter. Daniel added that he believes that the local hockey players have been generally pleased. It appears that the two rinks are drawing people of all ages. Daniel complimented Scott on the ice conditions. Scott estimated that there have been about 1000 users to date. He will have a final count at the end of the season.

Scott noted that the hours being worked by the rink manager and rink attendant are within target ranges he projected. If the winter lasts longer than expected, he may need to close the rinks to save hours for December when he'll need the time for set-up.

Chuck asked about the status of the property by the old Snake Bridge. The Commission had asked for certification that no environmental hazards were present in the soil. Scott noted that the recent change in the County Highway Commissioner has delayed getting more information. He expects it to come in due course. There is no urgency at this point.

### **Fund-Raising Report:**

George was not present. The Commission reviewed some of the materials sent to us. It was suggested that a meeting of the Park Commission and the Fund-Raising Committee be scheduled for March 14, 2006 at 6:30 PM (just before to our next meeting).

Discussion continued regarding the amount to be spent on the “Wall of Honor” to recognize donors who contributed to the Doepke Park Recreational Area. It was felt that the committee could benefit if it knew how much might be available to them. They then could develop a clear plan that would stay within that budgeted amount.

**Berland moved that Wall of Honor recognition costs should not exceed \$6,000.00. This was seconded by Daniel. The motion passed 5-0-1 (Chuck abstained)**

### **Bike Rodeo:**

This annual event will be held on Saturday May 20, 2006, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Lette encouraged everyone to volunteer their time to help with this activity.

**Adjournment:**

**Chuck moved to adjourn and Daniel seconded the motion. Passed 6-0.**

The next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM with a Fund-Raising Committee meeting to be held at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Berland Meyer