

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Lette Becker, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll was taken. Members present included: Shelley Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Chuck Kickbusch, Berland Meyer, George Snyder, and Daniel Schneider. Also present was Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent and Jim Legner, Town Board Liaison.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

The Commission reviewed minutes from the January and February meetings.

Chuck Kickbusch moved to approve the January minutes and Shelley Hertz seconded that motion. The minutes were approved.

Duane Zeichert moved to approve the February minutes and Shelley Hertz seconded that motion. The minutes were approved.

Street and Park report:

Scott reported the rinks have closed for the year and that it was a successful first season. He will report out the number of users at a future meeting. Of the 600 hours allocated for staffing the rink, 450 have been used leaving 150 hours for next November and December 2006.

The public works crew will be taking down the hockey boards soon and will begin repair of several holes that were punched into the liner by skaters. There was discussion on how to prevent such damage in the future. Scott also reports that someone drove a car onto the rink last weekend and crashed into the boards causing damage.

Scott is directing his crew to get Doepke Park ready for construction. The contractor expects to begin before the end of March. The power has been turned off and the WPS meter removed. The status of the three current buildings was discussed. The small hockey shelter will be moved back to storage; the small shed will be dismantled and discarded; the current warming shelter will be moved a short distance away for the time being. There are doubts as to whether it is worth saving for the long-term. Scott has suggested it be replaced with a stronger, better looking shed that the crew would build. Lastly, Earth Tech is coming to set up the final grade for the shelter and stake out the building's corners.

Scott asked the committee to select the color of split-faced block to be used for the shelter. The committee selected "Deerfield" as the final choice. It recommends that the proposed block band at the top also be of the "Deerfield" color.

Winter Program Report:

Daniel reported on his concern about the installation of the liners under the rinks. He felt that undue damage may have occurred thus creating small holes. He will be able to assess the actual damage after the spring thaw releases the hockey boards.

Fritz Doepke Recreation Area Update:

Several items related to the park were discussed:

1. Benches: George will develop a plan for the location of benches throughout the park.
2. Walkways: Chuck will draft a plan for the location of walkways in the park and the potential use of donor dedicated pavers.
3. Volleyball Courts: It was decided to attempt to install two volleyball courts on the area currently used for the general skating rink. This will require some excavation and the installation of six inches of sand base. The sand will serve as the base for the ice rink next winter.
4. Soccer Fields: No additional information at this time.

Buildings and Grounds:

Chuck did a quick inventory of the materials and equipment in the Red Shed. He reports that a number of items in there are not park department equipment. He had a detailed list available. His recommendation was that we do a "house cleaning" followed by a possible sale of unneeded items at a future date. The committee did not take any formal action at this time.

Fund-Raising Report:

George reported that there were no additional contributors to the park fund. He also shared pictures of other options for donor recognition that he saw during a recent trip.

Announcements:

Jim Legner offered to assist in procuring a sign for Doepke Park. Jim has been involved in securing other signs for the Township. He will find out prices and report back at a future meeting.

Daniel asked that the Fitness Trail be placed on the next agenda for discussion purposes.

Adjournment:

**Daniel moved to adjourn and George seconded the motion. Passed 7-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**

The next meeting of the Commission will be on Wednesday, April 12 because of a conflict with the Town Meeting.

Submitted by:

Berland Meyer