

Town of Rib Mountain

Park Commission *May 9, 2006*

Chairperson Lette Becker called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Roll was taken - members present included Shelley Hertz, Duane Zeichert, Chuck Kickbusch, George Snyder, and Daniel Schneider. Berland Meyer was excused. Also present were Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider.

Minutes:

The Commission reviewed minutes from the April 12, 2006 meeting. George Snyder moved to approve the minutes and Duane Zeichert seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Streets and Parks Superintendent Report:

Scott reported that the trails had been graded and that a culvert would be put on the lower trails to help drainage. George asked about the pipes near the trail and Scott said that they are clean-outs for the sewer. Scott asked for a selection of the cabinet style and color for the pavilion. We took a vote and selected one of the three colors and styles. Motion lights were ordered at \$100 each.

New hire for summer help:

Lette asked for approval of Nicole Starck for the position of playground assistant at the rate of \$7.03 per hour. Chuck asked about increasing the rate since she has a degree and is well qualified. Lette said we could not increase the rate for a new hire. Chuck made the motion that we hire her at the set rate contingent on a background check. She would start on 6/1. The motion carried.

Peninsula Park update: Chuck made a motion that we name the new park *Rookery View Park*. The motion was seconded and approved. Discussion followed about the safety of people crossing the road to get to the park. A pedestrian cross walk and signs were discussed. The front driveway would be blocked with rocks to prevent cars from entering. Dan made a motion that we request a proper crosswalk and that caution signs be put up. George seconded. The motion carried.

Fritz Doepke Park:

Scott reported that someone wanted to buy the old warming hut for \$300. We will have to advertise it if we are going to sell it. Chuck discussed the use for storage. We will add it to the next month's agenda.

Wall of Honor: George Snyder had a meeting with Bob Becker and he will wait for the elevations of the building. Kathy Marks will make a presentation next week on the 12th. Both will work with the budget of \$6,000. Both proposed putting it on an outside wall. The fundraising committee will make a recommendation after both are submitted.

Walk Way:

Chuck presented a plan for the walkway around the pavilion. The plan may not work because of the grade of the surrounding land. It will need 200 tiles to finish. Chuck reported that one 30' and one 25' flagpoles have been ordered and were donated by Wausau Youth Baseball. The VFW will donate the flags. Issues regarding lighting and who would take the flags up and down were discussed. The location of the flags was also discussed. We would accept them from Wausau Youth Baseball and we may reserve the right to locate them.

Waysa Request:

Chuck reported that Wausau Area Youth Soccer has asked to use the Liberty Park field for their soccer program from 5:15 to 8 p.m. during the soccer season. Chuck made a motion to allow play according to the request letter that he received. Duane seconded it and the motion carried. Lette mentioned that the fields need work for next year and should be put in the budget.

Hiking Trails:

Daniel reported that the trails are done as far as can be for now. The trail will go around the soccer field when it is graded.

Building and Grounds:

Daniel wanted to discuss selling the warming hut under building and grounds. After some discussion it was decided to wait until the next meeting.

Chuck brought up the need for storage sheds. The sheds at Rib Mountain School are in need or repair and the principal asked for some repairs to be done. Dan pointed out that since they are now the property of the schools, that we have no responsibility to repair them. Wausau Youth Baseball also uses them.

Lette mentioned the tennis court lights at Rib Mountain School. They are being switched on when not in use. A lock needs to be removed from the box so they can be set to be off at later hours.

Scott mentioned that garbage cans had been added to the trail at Doepke Park and mutt mitts for dog waste.

The rules for the use of the trail on HWY R were presented as suggested to us by Gaylene Rhoden, Tow Administrator. Dan suggested one change – a change from *yield to slow users* to *Bikers must yield to pedestrians* was suggested. The rules will be sent back to the Pedestrian Safety Committee for their consideration.

George asked for a Wausau Youth Baseball schedule and Chuck will check into it.

Fundraising:

No new report.

We were reminded that the Bike Rodeo would be held on the 20th at the Town Hall at 10 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date was set for June 13th.

Chuck moved for adjournment and George seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Shelley Hertz