

Joint Meeting of the Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission and Fritz Doepke Recreation Area Fund raising Committee

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Chairperson Lette Becker called to order a Joint Meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission and the Fritz Doepke Fundraising Committee to order at 7:05 PM. Roll was taken. Present were: Lette Becker, Duane Zeichert, Chuck Kickbusch, Berland Meyer, George Snyder, Daniel Schneider, and Shelley Hertz. Also attending was Bob Becker of Becker Communications. Also present were Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden.

Wall of Honor Proposal:

The joint committee reviewed large replica drawings presented by Bob Becker of the two plaques; one recognizing donors and the other noting town officials who helped move the project along to completion. Donor level names have been identified as Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Mr. Becker suggested the plaques be covered with a laminate and housed under an acrylic or glass shield to reduce the chance of vandalism.

It was decided to review our previous decision to post the plaques on the “ten foot wall” and placement on the far north wall by the large windows. A few members will take the drawings to the shelter to see what looks best.

The Fund Raising Committee will be responsible for proof-reading the plaque information for accuracy. George noted that contributions could be made until Labor Day, but that it would be the cut-off date if one was to be included on the plaque. Names of additional donors may be added to the plaque at a future time(s) at the Park Commission’s direction.

While Mr. Becker was unable to provide a firm price for the two plaques, he assured the Joint Committee that the cost would be well under the amount we have budgeted. He said the plaques will be completed in time for the open house on October 1, 2006.

Daniel moved, seconded by Shelley, that the Joint Committee accept the design as presented by Becker Communication and direct them to continue on to the final design/development stage. Their final cost is to include an option for a protective covering. Approved 7-0.

The final drafts of the plaques will be presented at the September meeting of the Park Commission for their review. A final placement decision will be made at that time.

George gave a financial report that noted we have recently received an additional \$600 for the shelter project. Several other pending donations have not been received and those donors will not be noted unless they contribute by the Labor Day cut-off date. George will make one last contact with other possible donors including the soccer groups.

Shelley moved the Joint Meeting be adjourned, seconded by Duane. Approved at 7:43 PM

Meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Chairperson Lette Becker called a meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission to order at 7:44 PM. Present were: Lette Becker, Duane Zeichert, Chuck Kickbusch, Berland Meyer, George Snyder, Shelley Hertz, and Daniel Schneider. Also present were Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Daniel moved, seconded by Shelley, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2006 meeting. Approved 7-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Auction items have been identified and approved for sale by the Town Board. The Town is hoping to hold the auction on September 30th at the existing Public Safety Building at 2000 North Mountain Road.

The Shelter construction is finished; only "punch list" items remain to be completed. Concern was expressed by Commission members about the color of the service doors and garage doors. The garage doors are white and the service doors "salmon" in color. Neither color matches the fascia, brick, or windows. Scott will contact the painter about revising the service door color and will look at color options/costs for the garage doors.

The building is now locked and could be opened for use but the final site grading has not occurred nor have final plans for rules and policies been approved for supervision of keys, clean-up, etc. Site grading should be completed by September. Scott was asked to try to provide the Commission with a final cost for the shelter construction at the September meeting. Chuck reminded us that we need to complete other projects (e.g. fitness trail) at the park site in order to get the final grant payments we are due.

Town Administrator's Report:

Gaylene reviewed the material sent to Commission members regarding park rules and policies. The Commission discussed the options for varying rental fees, graduated deposit fees, priority scheduling, loss of deposit, cancellation policy, etc. Gaylene will take the comments and revise the document for possible final approval at the September meeting. The Commission was pleased with the ideas and concepts put forth by Staff.

Fritz Doepke Recreation Area:

It was reported that the cost of picnic tables run from \$230 each to thousands of dollars. Scott will check with the Marathon County Park Department for the possibility of joining them on the purchase of tables.

The "Open House" is scheduled for October 1, 2006 at 2:00 PM. It was decided that this should be a "simple" ceremony and that a larger Dedication Program would occur when the entire area is ready. Gaylene will send a news release out to encourage media to attend the event.

The Commission considered a request to change the name of the recreation area. The Doepke family including Fritz Doepke now wish the area to be called the "Doepke Recreation Area" and to drop the name "Fritz" from the official name. The rationale was that this land had been in the Doepke family for many years and it would be better to recognize the entire family and not just one individual. The family has made this request without opposition.

Moved by Chuck, seconded by Duane, to recommend to the Town Board that the official name of this area be changed to be the "Doepke Recreational Area". Approved 6-1.

Some items including VIII b,c and X, XI were postponed until the next meeting.

Budget 2007

Gaylene reviewed the budget status. At this time we are \$19,000 under funded. As a result we will not be able to proceed with resurfacing Liberty Park Tennis Courts. This item will be dropped from the budget.

Shelley noted that there maybe funding available for the National Tennis Association for resurfacing; however, it would come with a required commitment of offering lessons for five years following the grant.

Adjournment:

Chuck moved to adjourn, seconded by Duane. Approved 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on September 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

(George Snyder asked to be excused from the next meeting.)

Submitted by:
Berland Meyer