

Meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Lette Becker, Chairperson, called a meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission to order at 7:01 PM. Present were: Lette Becker, Duane Zeichert, Chuck Kickbusch, Berland Meyer, George Snyder, Shelley Hertz, and Daniel Schneider. Also present Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent; and Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Daniel moved, seconded by Shelley, to approve the minutes of the September meeting with the correction of the spelling of Duane Zeichert's name. Approved 7-0.

Town Administrator's Report:

Gaylene presented the Commission with the final draft of the Park Shelter Policy and Rules. Discussion occurred about the smoking policy. It was decided to leave it as printed which does not allow smoking inside the building. One minor edit is to be made to correct a figure to \$90 required for deposit on rentals from Non-Profits in Rib Mountain. Members were pleased with the document.

George moved to approve the document as edited, seconded by Shelley. Approved 7-0

It will now be sent on to the Town Board for their action.

Doepke Park:

The Commission reviewed a grant application from Betty Crocker Foods (AKA Hamburger Helper). They offer up to \$15,000 for support of playgrounds to 501 (c)(4) groups. We will check to see if Rib Mountain qualifies for such status.

George moved to request permission to explore this grant opportunity pending the review of our tax status. Shelley seconded the motion. Approved 7-0

George shared information on the funds collected for the Doepke Recreation Area. Several large donations have been secured for the soccer fields and playground. In addition there has been \$6520 donated in unallocated funds. An additional \$812.50 was given to the project from the Wausau Exchange Club.

Open House:

The "Open House" is now scheduled for November 4, 2006 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM with a short program at 2:30 PM. Lette will develop the program and arrange for coffee; Shelley offered her son's band as free entertainment. George will have a discussion with the Fire Chief to see if he will coordinate the new station's Open House with our event.

Plaques will be unveiled at the event and Gaylene will send a news release out to encourage media to attend the event. Daniel will explore getting a banner made with the help of Pepsi.

Donor Wall:

Donor recognition has been finalized. Wausau Awards and Engraving will develop the plaque measuring 42" X 30". The background will be a photo of the Rib Mountain area with donor names in the foreground. The cost is \$1286.60 plus \$140.00 for a Plexiglas covering. Another metal plate will be made for \$117.00 to recognize the Commission. Finally, a plaque with the Park Mission Statement on it will be donated by the vendor.

The Commission revised the Mission Statement to be included on the plaque.

Shelley moved to accept the proposal and Mission Statement as edited. Duane seconded it. Approved 7-0

Tiles and Pavers:

No report at this time.

Street and Park Superintendent's Report:

Scott reported his concern that the requirement included in the "contract" with the baseball association could not be met by his department with the limited staff he has. The contract requires daily maintenance of the two diamonds and he simply can not attend to all the parks and give daily maintenance to these two fields.

George asked what it would cost to hire staff to meet our obligation. Scot replied it could cost in excess of \$2000 at 100 hours times \$20.00 per hour. Lette noted that there were no final cost projections when the contract was approved.

Scott will attempt to budget for it in 2009 but no funds exist now to meet this demand. However, this is a serious problem and discussions are underway with Wausau Youth Baseball on its resolution.

Shelley requested we ask if Wausau Youth Baseball is willing to share in the costs. Another option mentioned was to recruit student help at a lower salary as we do in winter.

Scott also reported that the grass is coming in fine in the soccer areas and that the hockey boards are going up very soon. Daniel asked that we look at the liner and repair any holes.

Finally, Scott noted that he will finish the fitness trail markers in the spring.

Election of Officers:

No slate of officers was presented thus nominations were taken from the floor.

Nominated for Chairperson was Letter Becker; Nominated for Vice Chairperson was George Synder; Nominated for Recording Secretary was Shelley Hertz. Each position was approved unanimously.

New Officers:

Chair Person: Lette Becker

Vice Chairperson: George Synder

Recording Secretary: Shelley Hertz

Chuck Kickbusch moved to table the rest of the agenda due to the hour. Seconded by Daniel. Approved 7-0

Adjournment:

Daniel moved to adjourn, seconded by Berland. Approved 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

The next meeting of the Commission will be on November 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Berland Meyer

Recording Secretary