

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Lette Becker, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Members present include Shelley Hertz, Duane Zeichert, George Snyder and Chuck Kickbusch. Dan Schneider and Berland Meyer were excused. Also present was Street and Park Superintendent Scott Schatschneider. Mary Timm, the summer program manager, was present along with Paul Piekarz, representing Wausau Youth Baseball. Two boy scouts, Jared Mataczynski and John Fox, and his mother Wendy Fox also attended.

Approval of Minutes:

The Park Commission reviewed minutes from the February 13, 2007 meeting. Chuck moved to approve the February 13th minutes. Duane Zeichert seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Street/Park Superintendent Report:

Scott reported the ice skating rinks are now closed. The season was considerably shorter than last year running only from Jan 11th to Feb 24th. The cost of running the heaters was extremely high. From 11/22 to 12/26 the cost was \$477.32; 12/26 to 1/24 the cost was \$646.69; and from 1/24 to 2/22 the cost was \$894.00. He recommended that the Commission look into running the natural gas line from across the highway. Chuck asked about using any excess employee wages saved for the extra heating expense. Scott said that was an administrative decision. Lette will add to the agenda for future discussion once the cost is determined. Scott reported that the rink liners made the rink very hard to work on because water seemed to melt from the bottom and crack when worked on. He would like to try to not use them on one rink next year. The rink was successful when we had good weather.

Park By-Law Revisions:

Recommended changes were:

Article IV Officers of the Commission Section 1- References to the officers from President and Vice-President to **Chairperson** and **Vice-Chairperson**.

Article V Duties of the President Change all references to President to **Chairperson** in sections 1 & 2.

Article VI Duties of Vice President: Change Section 1 to the **Vice-Chairperson**.

Article X Section 1 Change the meeting night to be the **second Tuesday** of the month.

Article XIII Parliamentary Practice Section 1

Order of meetings:

- a.) Call to order
- b) Roll call
- c) Reports
- a.) Park /Streets Superintendents Report
- b.) Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
- c.) Reports of Special committees
- d.) Agendized items
- e) Communication, Petitions and Announcements
- f) Adjournment

Article XVI- Reports

Section I Re-word The Commission shall give a report at the Town Annual Meeting on the activities of the Commission during the preceding calendar year.

Chuck made a motion to approve changes to the Articles of the By Laws as presented. George seconded and all approved.

Summer Program:

Duane reported that the summer program numbers were down. Mary Timm said that the competition for camps and summer activities is much greater now than in the past. There was discussion on advertising and looking for new sources of getting the word out. Discussion followed about how to make the summer program more economical. Mary said that it is important to have two helpers in case of an emergency. Increasing fees and locating in one place rather than two were discussed. Lette suggested a special meeting be held on the matter of rates, location, and the rehiring of returning employee Megan and a new helper. The meeting will be on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 7:00 pm. Chuck made a motion to have the meeting and Duane seconded. All approved.

Doepke Park Recreation Area:

WYBB request for lighting on baseball diamond

The request for lighting on the baseball field was moved up under the park agenda. Paul Piekarz presented a plan for how the lighting on the field would be done. Many more games would be played if lights were added. Discussion followed about the issues of the effect on surrounding homes and neighborhoods. Chuck made a motion to approve the plan as presented providing it has no financial impact on the Park Commission and is approved by the Plan Commission. Duane seconded it. The motion carried. Chuck abstained as a member of the youth baseball group.

Tennis Program:

Shelley reported that the Liberty park courts will need to have an estimate done. Scott will be seeing Fahrner Asphalt soon and will ask about the courts. Shelley also asked that the summer tennis lessons change and be combined with the efforts of Teresa Miles, a teacher from Rib Mt School. She has run an after school program for years and has had 30 to 40 kids participate. More information will be presented at the April meeting.

Doepke Park Recreation Area:

A: Fund raising committee report-George

The canisters were distributed throughout the community. About 25 are out. George reported that Home Depot has committed to provide labor to help construct the playground. Home Depot has a grant application for a group called Kaboom, which provides playground equipment. One of the employees from Home Depot will help with it. Starbucks has said they will do volunteer work if we have a project. M & I Bank will also do a work day. McDonalds will donate 25% of their proceeds from April 17th – 18th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to the park playground. US Bank has put up a display for the park.

C: Approval of Pavilion Sidewalk

The plan for the pavers was explained again by Chuck and Scott. A drawing was presented for George who was not at the last meeting. Scott reported that the price given by the contractor of \$5,133 is a really good price and that we should act quickly to get the project done. George pointed out that the number of blocks should be counted and we needed to add the cost of inscribing the blocks to the total cost for the project. He said it was \$25 per \$50 block and \$35 per \$100 block. Scott said his guys could do all the grading to try and save some money on the project. Shelley made a motion to approve the plan and the cost of installing and inscribing the blocks. Chuck seconded. Motion was approved.

D: Spring Fling/Fun Fest Day/Play Day/Get to know your park day

Will discuss at next meeting.

Financial Report:

No report

Building and Grounds:

No report

Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by Shelley and seconded by Duane. All approved

Next meeting date will be on Monday, April 9, 2007