

Meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Lette Becker, Chairperson, called a meeting of the Rib Mountain Park Commission to order at 7:10 PM. Present were: Lette Becker, Duane Zeichert, Berland Meyer and George Snyder. Also present was Scott Schatschneider, Street and Park Superintendent. Not present Commission Members: Chuck Kickbusch, Shelley Hertz, and Daniel Schneider

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

George moved, seconded by Duane, to approve the minutes of the August 14th meeting. Approved 4-0.

Summer Program:

The Summer Program Director, Mary Timm told Duane that the program attracted 102 sign-ups between both sites versus 78 last year. Estimated expenses were the same as last year. Mary Timm will submit a complete report at the October meeting.

Tennis Courts at Liberty Park:

No discussion or action taken.

Building and Grounds:

- Doepke Recreation Area – Discussion focused on the funds from the rental of Doepke Park. It was felt that these monies should be re-invested in this park.
 - George moved that: “The budget of the Park Commission shall include an account for Doepke Park Development and Maintenance with additional funds received from rental of that facility to be deposited into that account.” Seconded by Duane. Passed 4-0.
- Rookery View – No report

Street and Park Superintendent’s Report:

- Scott reported our budget must be submitted by October 23.
- The Park Department is tending to final clean-up items at Doepke Park.
- The Park Department will purchase an aerator for fields at a cost of \$5500.
- Scott will continue working with Wausau Youth Baseball about finishing their work. Concern was expressed by Berland that the doors are open at the building by the field. This presents a liability risk for the Township and a safety concern for those entering the facility.

Doepke Park Fund-raising:

Fund-raising is almost completed George reported. He gave the Commission a handout showing that we will have \$29,870 left after expenses. This amount can now be used in part to cover the playground purchases. He will now approach the Alexander Foundation for their pledged \$5000 grant toward our project as we’ve met their local funding requirement.

George moved that “The commission accept the Fund Raising Report and embedded actions”.
Seconded by Berland. Passed 3-0-1 (One abstention).

The Commission discussed briefly a plan to involve others in the selection of playground equipment at an appropriate time. We hope to consult with the Wausau School District and others for advice.

Budget Building:

- Summer Program – to be submitted next month
- Winter Program – amount to be the same as last year
- Tennis Program – Same as last year plus an amount to resurface Liberty Park Courts
- Maintenance – Budget to be increased to permit the hire of an employee to serve Doepke Recreation Area fulltime from spring through Fall 2008.

Financial Report:

The commission reviewed the monthly report on finances.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Berland; seconded by Duane. Approved 4-0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM

The next meeting of the Commission will be announced by Chairperson Lette Becker.

Submitted by:
Berland Meyer
Acting - Recording Secretary