

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission

Tuesday, May 13th, 2008

George Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll was taken. Members present were Shelley Hertz, Lette Becker, Bill Miller, and Scott Miles. Duane Zeichert was excused. Scott Schatschneider, Street and Parks Supervisor, was present. Jamie Schaefer, Paul Piekarz and Mark Meeks, representatives of Wausau Youth baseball, were also present.

Approval of minutes from the last meeting:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the April 7th meeting. Shelley moved to approve the minutes; Bill seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Wausau Youth Baseball:

Jamie Schaefer, from Wausau Youth Baseball presented a rendering of the sign that will be put on the Concession/Press Box Building to honor Chuck Kickbush. The field will be called Kickbush Field. Bill made a motion to approve the sign. All approved. It will be forwarded to the Town Board for final approval. They will have it installed, if approved, and covered until the state tournament. Paul Piekarz asked if there would be a problem if the tournament played later than 10 a.m. The commission did not think it would be a problem. He also said that there would be a batting cage put up for the season, and taken down in the winter. It could only be used with the pitching machine that would be locked up in the storage building. They would also like to construct an 8x10 shed. Scott Schatschneider said that that would have to be approved by the Town Board. They would also like to have a dumpster. Scott advised them that it would have to be screened from view. Some discussion followed about parking availability. Scott said the rink areas could be used if the ground was dry and that there would be parking for about 100 cars on the existing parking lot. Paul also asked for a reduced rate for the rental of the shelter.

Street and Park Superintendents report:

Scott reported that the playground equipment was installed. It will still need to have the pea gravel installed. The small goals were put out on the soccer field and the background netting will be coming soon for the field. The grass has been cut and the parking lot will be paved soon. Parking may be a problem for soccer as well as baseball. Scott mentioned the possibility of putting gravel in the rink area and using it for parking. The fencing for the playground will be installed after the pea gravel is in. The park benches will be put outside the fencing. The final report for the Winter Program will be coming soon. Lette asked for a comparison from last year.

Discussion of reduced rate for Wausau Youth Baseball:

After some discussion it was decided to not reduce the charge for the use of the shelter during the baseball tournament. Scott will have significant expenses for his staff to maintain the park area during the event.

Summer Program:

The summer program staff applications were reviewed. Two applicants were presented for approval. Shelley made a motion that the applicants should be approved and that the appropriate background checks are done before hiring. Bill seconded the motion. All approved.

Summer Tennis Program:

Shelley recommended that the summer tennis program be discontinued for now. The program has had very few participants, which has made it impossible to pay the instructors without losing money. Shelley made the motion to discontinue the program. Lette seconded it. All approved. Shelley also asked that the cracks at Rib Mountain School be filled some time this summer to maintain the courts for the future.

Spring Program:

Lette reported that the program was not well attended and recommended we not pursue future events at the park.

Fund Raising Committee report - George:

George reported that the current funds of \$60,838 would be disappearing soon as the playground bills begin to come in. He contacted Home Depot about helping with the playground and they gave a \$75 gift certificate. The \$2000 for the goals has been asked for from the donor but not receive yet. An unnamed donor paid for the signage for the playground, which is \$667.

Scott said that every weekend in June is booked at the shelter so more money will come into the park funds. The Lions Club wanted to donate a refrigerator and stove. Scott said that we would not be able to take care of them properly and that we should decline the offer.

Budget 2008

No report

Scott Miles was introduced and welcomed by the other members of the Commission.

Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by Bill and seconded by Lette. All approved

Next meeting date will be on Tuesday June 10th at 7:00pm, 2008

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz