

## **Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

George Snyder, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken. Members present: Scott Miles, Bill Miller, Lette Becker and Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Park Superintendent. Also present were Paul Piekarz, Wausau Youth Baseball, and Paul Wirth, Chief, Rib Mountain Fire Department. Absent: Duane Zeichert, Shelley Hertz and Daniel Schneider.

George distributed an updated Park Commission appointment list and called for approval of the minutes. Scott M. brought to our attention that there are two Scotts noted in the minutes and asked for delineation as to which Scott is referred to. We will do that in the future. **Scott M. moved that the minutes be approved and Bill seconded it. The motion carried.**

### **WYBB (Wausau Youth Baseball)/Little League Baseball Tournament:**

Paul Piekarz advised that there would be an opening ceremony. The presentation of the sign naming the field in memory of Chuck Kickbusch will be prior to the first game. Paul asked Karen Kellbach of the Marathon County Board for a reduce speed sign be put on Hwy KK during the time of the tournament. She will address that with the proper county commission and get back to him. They will not have parking on the highway. The WYBB is planning to have a local merchant with a hot air balloon give rides during the tournament. We advised him not to use the soccer field for the take off and landing area. Paul asked if they could use the hockey rink area and we agreed that would be possible. There is a situation with garbage overflowing the waste containers and the area not being cleaned up after WYBB uses the diamonds. They plan to have a dumpster at the park during the tournament and will seek a long-term solution to this problem after the tournament.

Paul Piekarz asked for approval of the construction of a storage shed to hold the lawn mower, pitching machine, and other equipment for the league. At present the lawn mower is stored in a wooden shed outside the fence near the first base line. He indicated that if the more permanent building, made with leftover concrete blocks, were constructed, the wooden shed would be taken down. He said the building would be approximately 8 X 10 feet. He did not have a drawing with him but would submit a drawing to the Planning Commission. If approved the shed would be constructed on the opposite side of the field, near the third base line and a pitching cage would run along that side of the field. Bill recommended our approval be contingent on receiving more specific information as to the shed's construction and location.

### **Fire Department Fundraiser:**

Paul Wirth asked to use either the Doepke Recreation Area or Liberty Park for a fundraiser. The fundraiser is to help defray costs for equipment and training for the Fire Department. The date is tentatively set for August 23 and WYBB agreed to the Fire Department using the baseball diamonds for this event. The event would be a kickball competition consisting of teams with all ages. **Lette moved for approval of the request and Bill seconded it. The motion carried.**

## **Street/Parks Superintendent Report**

### **Playground Installation at Doepke:**

Scott S. indicated the fencing was up and the sign was moved to outside the fenced area. Work on the playground is almost complete. The playground is being used on a regular basis by children of all ages. Older children were asked not to use the area and future development of the playground may provide equipment for older children.

### **Parking Lot at Doepke:**

Scott S. said the parking lot would be paved within the next couple of weeks. The paving will include the service road running from the parking lot to the baseball diamonds.

### **Tennis Courts:**

The tie-down anchors for the nets were installed at Rib Mountain courts. The replacement of lights and repair of timer is still being looked into. We do not have a vendor or cost estimate at this time.

### **Summer Program:**

We received an application for an assistant in the summer program, Sarah Just. We had approved the hiring of Rebecca Miller at a previous meeting contingent on the background check. **Bill moved we hire Rebecca Miller based on her passing the background check. Scott M. seconded it. The motion carried.** A pamphlet of the summer program offerings was handed out.

### **Future borrowing:**

In order to secure funding, George put together a Five-Year Plan of Capital Improvement Schedule. Discussion followed. **Scott M. moved we accept the schedule and Bill seconded it. It was passed by unanimous acclamation.**

### **Bike Rodeo and Pedestrian Safety:**

Bill reported 119 children attended the rodeo held May 17<sup>th</sup>. Four bicycles were given away. The only difficulties they ran into were volunteers coming late and the wind blowing over the stop signs.

Regarding the new bike bridge crossing the river, it is paved but it's difficult for people from the Rib Mountain side to locate. Also there needs to be some signage directing bikers toward Rib Mountain. Rib Mountain Inn has a bike trail and asked the town for its support. This will be looked into further. At present there is no linkage with any other bike paths in the town.

### **Teal Avenue Lake Access:**

Lette reported that Dan, Town Building Inspector, asked if the Park Commission had any concerns regarding the retaining wall located adjacent to the house at 2400 Teal that encroaches on the public/park property. As the new owner of the house would likely want to maintain this wall or risk his house sliding down the hill into the lake, it was felt the retaining wall would not be a problem. The Town/Park Commission will not maintain the retaining wall.

**Fund Raising Report:**

Scott S. reported invoices received for the playground equipment and soccer field are being processed and paid. George indicated that when these are paid, all the funds set aside for development of Doepke Recreation Area will almost be used up.

**Budget 2008:**

The report indicates total expenditures year-to-date of \$19,765.71 or 23.89% of the total budget and total income of \$240.00 year-to-date.

**Bill moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Scott M. seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Lette Becker