

## **Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

Chairperson George Snyder called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present were Bill Miller, Duane Zeichert, Lette Becker, Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Park Superintendent, and Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator. Also present was Paul Pierkarz, Wausau Youth Baseball. Absent: Scott Miles and Shelley Hertz.

George indicated Duane accepted reappointment to the commission. George received a call from Daniel Schneider stating he was resigning from the commission for personal reasons.

### **Doepke Recreation Area - Wausau Youth Baseball (WYBI) - Little League Baseball**

**Tournament:** Paul Pierkarz reported that the balloon rides would not take place. Plans for the equipment building are not completed as yet. Paul said WYBI probably will put up a hitting cage from the time of the tournament through the fall. Scott S. said this needs to be submitted for site approval prior to being installed.

Overflow parking for the tournament will be allowed by use of the skating rink area only. They will however need to find an alternate place to park the overflow if the ground is too wet that driving on the rink area would cause ruts. Scott S. said that Jason Kickbusch would be overseeing the grounds during the tournament.

Scott S. reported complaints from neighbors regarding noise and loud music when WYBI uses the diamonds. Discussion followed as to how alleviate this problem. To avoid the nuisance to adjoining property owners, Paul volunteered to walk the grounds and have the music turned down if the sound carries outside park boundaries.

Paul is going to ask the Marathon County Highway Department to post signs on Highway N near the park to make people aware of increased traffic during the time of the tournament from July 19 through the 26<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Paul asked if they could set up a large tent at the end of the first baseline along the SE side of the diamond to provide shade for spectators during the games. Gaylene said they need to fill out a tent permit request. **Bill moved for approval of the tent placement on the condition that Paul obtains the permit and insures the stakes are put in the ground away from underground power lines. The tent would be allowed there for the duration of the tournament. Duane seconded the motion and it carried.**

George asked that all insurance filings be made to the Town prior to the tournament. Scott S. reminded Paul that WYBI is to pick up the grounds in the area of the diamonds and remove the garbage when they have games.

The commission will review the old WYBI agreement and draw up a new contract if necessary.

**Duane moved that the minutes for June 10<sup>th</sup> be approved and Bill seconded it. The motion carried.**

**Street/Parks Superintendent Report:** Scott S. said they watered the soccer field for the first time this year. He said the parking lot is paved and the stripping will be added next year. They are able to park 100 cars in the lot with supervision. There was some vandalism to the shelter during the last baseball tourney. He has spoken to Paul about this. George asked about installation of the concrete benches. The crew is unable to pour the pads for the benches this month however it is on the list of things they will complete this summer.

**Park Commission Scholarships:** Gaylene prepared a set of possible guidelines. There was a stated need for financial assistance for children to participate in the summer program. Gaylene said assistance could be through monies raised from businesses in the area or as a direct waiver by the Park Commission. Applicants would have to complete an application and have to fulfill the guidelines in order to receive this benefit. George and Gaylene will meet and discuss this idea with the Rib Mountain Business Association.

**Summer Program:** Duane reported the fees remained the same for this year. The director told Duane there were some discipline problems at the beginning of the season but they have since been resolved. The gym at Rib Mountain School is too small for the number of children they have this year. There has been a significant increase in participants this year with 138 children enrolled at this time. Increased revenue should assist in offsetting some the direct costs of the program, not to include trips and salaries.

**Future Borrowing 2009 Update:** George said the Five-year Plan of Capital Improvements Schedule was accepted by the Town Board. Which projects will take priority for the forthcoming fiscal year remains to be determined.

**Bike and Pedestrian Safety Report:** Bill stated the need for signs along the new paved corridors of the bike trail located near Sunrise. People are having difficulty finding the bike path and bridge that crosses the river.

**Fund Raising Report:** George reported there was a beginning balance of \$108,114.05, total disbursements of \$87,220.87 and an ending balance of \$20,893.18 in the Doepke Park Funds with the Community Foundation. There is a \$10,000 pledge outstanding.

**Budget 2008:** George called our attention to year-to-date expenses equaling 35.5% of the total budget. There were some questions regarding payroll expenses. Total revenue from shelter rental is \$1,020 with \$390 of it coming during the month of June.

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

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Lette Becker