

Town of Rib Mountain Park Commission Tuesday, September 9, 2008

George Snyder, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken. Members present: Scott Miles, Bill Miller, Duane Zeichert, Lette Becker, and Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Park Superintendent. Excused: Shelley Hertz.

George called for approval of the minutes. There was one correction, to delete the line "Daniel Schneider was absent." **Lette moved the minutes be accepted as corrected and Scott M. seconded it. The motion carried.**

Street and Park Superintendent's report: Scott S. reported that seven trees were purchased from Land Art and planted at Doepke Recreation Area. They include four sugar maples and three prairie fire flowering crabs for a total cost of \$1900. These trees are large enough that they should over winter without much difficulty. Scott also reported that the security cameras have been installed in and around the shelter.

Budget Update: Items that could still be purchased within the 2008 budget period include the trees, sign for Rookery View, tennis court timer, security camera and fertilizer for the soccer field at Doepke. The trees and security camera items have already been taken care of. The soccer field will be taken care of shortly and Scott is checking on having the sign made and is getting an estimate for the tennis court light timer. The cost of some of the items will be split between the Public Works and Parks budgets.

The 2009 budget items will include the tennis court maintenance and purchase of a new scoop to replace the broken one at Liberty Park.

Doepke Shelter Rental: The commissioners received a request from Kocourek Chevrolet for rental of the shelter for their employee party and included a request to have Great Lakes Climbing provide a climbing wall, jungle jump and bungee jumper as a part of the recreation/entertainment. A question regarding the Town and Parks liability was at issue should someone get hurt using the climbing equipment. As the agreement waives our liability and the company provides a certificate of liability insurance, **Scott M. moved we accept Kocourek's request and Duane seconded it. The motion carried.** There was discussion related to the request stating they would have music. It was decided it was unnecessary for us to address this as the Town has a noise ordinance that would handle any violation.

Borrowing Note: George attended the August 19th Town meeting that included discussion of the borrowing by the Town. There will be additional meetings on the borrowing and Scott S. assured us that the Park requests would be included in future borrowing for 2009.

Wausau Little League Agreement: See attached letter from Gaylene Rhoden, Town Administrator, to Mark Meeks of WYBB, Wausau Youth Baseball. The letter asked that the contract be updated/amended to fit current needs of both the Town and WYBB. We hope to have this done by the end of the year.

Park Commission Scholarships: George reported that Gaylene discussed scholarship possibilities for children attending the summer program with the Rib Mountain Business Association. They said they would prefer to do it on an informal basis.

Bike Rodeo and Pedestrian Safety: Bill told us about the many projects the committee has for improving paths on and off the roadways for pedestrians and bikers. One will include a trail along the north side of Park Road, a possible trail along a power line on the east side of Mosinee hill and connecting with Foxglove and the new bridge being put in on Foxglove. There will also be a path alongside highway NN when road improvements are made.

Fund Raising Report: See attached Community Foundation Fund Summary indicating a balance of \$21,648.18. George said this figure includes the monies recently received from Greenheck Foundation.

Election Committee: George appointed Bill and Lette. We will elect officers in October.

Budget 2008: The report indicates total expenditures year-to-date of \$50,915/52 or 61.54 % of the total budget. Receipts from shelter rental were \$630 for the month of August. This included rental of the shelter by WYBB during the tournament.

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

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Lette Becker