

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission
Tuesday, November 11, 2008

George Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken. Members present included Shelley Hertz, Scott Miles, and Duane Ziechert, Bill Bursaw and Bill Miller. Lette Becker was excused. Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider was also present. Boy Scout Matt Wald and his father were in attendance to observe.

Approval of Minutes:

The Commission reviewed minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting. Bill Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Duane Zeichert seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Street and Park Superintendents Report:

Scott Schatschneider reported that preparation for the skating rink has begun. The hockey boards and the benches for the warming shelter were painted. The goals from the soccer field were taken down for the season. The sign for Rookery View Park will go up soon. The \$1,500 for the sign may come from the Town budget although Scott was not sure about this. Jason and Tom, last year's seasonal workers will work at the skating rink again this season. Scott Miles asked about the work on the road near Aldi's. Scott Schatschneider reported the work is complete. There was discussion about the trail up to Rib Mt Park from the entrance to the state park. Scott Schatschneider reported the Bone and Joint Clinic would allow parking in its parking lot for the trail on weekends. The Bone and Joint Clinic may also help with the cost of the trail. George inquired if the Bone and Joint Clinic had been approached to donate for trees for Doepke Park.

Updated By Laws:

A copy of the updated By-Laws was provided to the Commission. George Snyder asked that members review it. Most changes had to do with gender-neutral terms and the meeting date was changed to the second Tuesday of the month.

Fund raising Report:

George reported that the balance in the fund raising account at the Community Foundation was \$23,000. There was a \$1,400 bill that was paid twice for concrete and gravel for Doepke Park. The bill for the fertilizer for the soccer field was still outstanding. The funds remaining in the fund may be used for the planter and trees for Doepke Park.

Bike and Pedestrian Safety:

Bill Miller reported plans are underway for trails and sidewalks in Rib Mountain at various. The Bike and Pedestrian Committee will also be redesigning the bike rodeo layout. The goal is to educate and increase awareness for more adults about car/bike safety due to the increased number of crossings in Town. A list of bike and walking trail projects was requested. Some work on the IGA entrance will be done in the future to provide more safety.

Financial Report:

George reported that 83% of the budget for the Park Commission had been used. There were only a few departments that were under expended.

Duane asked that the summer program be reviewed on the next agenda. He discussed the possibility of increasing the fees.

Review Policies for the use of Athletic fields at Doepke and Liberty:

There was discussion of fees for the use of the soccer and baseball fields. Rental of the skating rink was also discussed. The rinks have been reserved by some churches in the past. The Wausau Youth Baseball agreement needs to be revised before consideration of any policies for other groups. Shelley suggested that the fields only be reserved by organized groups with regularly scheduled games be considered. Bill Bursaw will look for policies of other parks in other areas. This issue will continue to be worked on and will remain on the agenda. Scott Schatschneider will review issues with Wausau Youth Baseball regarding tournaments and their effect on the park.

Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by Scott Miles and seconded by Bill Bursaw. All approved.

Next meeting date will be on Tuesday December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz