

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PARK COMMISSION  
Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Call to order:**

Lette Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present included Shelley Hertz, Scott Miles, George Snyder, Bill Bursaw, Bill Miller and Duane Zeichert. Street and Parks superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Tom Habeck from the Wausau Noon Optimists were also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Lette asked for approval of the November 11/08 minutes. No meeting was held in December. George made a motion to approve and Bill Miller seconded. All approved.

**Noon Optimist:**

Noon Optimists representative Tom Habeck made a request for the use of Rookery View Park for the 15<sup>th</sup> of February for the fishing contest that the Optimists sponsor. It is not used as a fund raiser and there is no cost to participate. The Optimist club would be responsible for the garbage clean up and regulation of parking. George made a motion that we approve the use of the Park for the fishing contest. Duane seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**Street and Parks Report:**

Scott Schatschneider reported that the skating season was going well and that the sledding area at Doepke Park was being used. A gardening group from Rib Mountain had contacted Scott about the possibility of creating some flower beds at Doepke Park. The contact person will contact Shelley to co-ordinate efforts to fill the new planter and create other areas for flowers.

**Liaison Assignments:**

Lette proposed that there be a liaison for each of our programs. Duane will continue as the liaison for the Summer Program. The Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program will be represented by Bill Miller; the winter program will be overseen by Scott Miles; the liaison for trails will be Bill Bursaw. The tennis courts and programs will be continued by Shelley Hertz.

Bill Miller mentioned that the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee will be emphasizing public awareness of the rules regarding bike and pedestrian rights. They will put something in the Town Beat regarding the laws on bikes and pedestrians. The committee will be transitioning the Bike Rodeo to a Safety Town event. The tennis lessons for the summer were discussed. It was suggested by Scott Miles that we try to run them with the summer program. Shelley will follow up.

**Fund Raising:**

George reported that there was no income last month and that the bill for the soccer field fertilizer was paid. George had a conversation with the owner of a new Mexican Restaurant that would like to do a percent of sale as a donation to the Parks.

**Development of Rental agreements for fields:**

Scott Schatschneider reported that the Wausau Youth Baseball agreement will be redone when the Town hires a new attorney. Scott also expressed concerns about the use of the soccer field at the same time as the baseball fields as the parking will become an issue. George will contact the soccer groups to determine their interest in using the fields and what they would be willing to do to maintain them, such as doing the lining. Fees for the use of the soccer field will be set later when the use by the soccer groups is determined. Fees for any other usage of the baseball or soccer will not be set at this time. A schedule for management of the parking issue was also suggested.

**Financial Report:**

Lette asked the commission to review the financial report and asked for any questions about it. There were no questions. Lette reported that we had used 81 % of the budget for last year.

**Adjournment:**

Scott Miles made a motion to adjourn and Bill Bursaw seconded it. All approved.

Next meeting was set for Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. George Snyder informed the committee that he will not be able to attend.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz