

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 10th, 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, Bill Bursaw, Bill Miller and Duane Zeichert. George Snyder was excused. Street and Parks superintendent Scott Schatschneider was also present.

Approval of Minutes

Lette asked for approval of the January 13th minutes. Scott Miles made a motion to approve and Bill Bursaw seconded. All approved.

Street and Parks Report:

Scott Schatschneider reported that the skating rinks are getting good use. The Rookery View Park sign was installed. There was one rental of the Doepke shelter this winter so far. Lette asked about the utilities for this year from the shelter. So far there was no bill. Scott Miles met with Jason the rink supervisor to see how things were going. He asked for any possible improvements to the rink area. Jason suggested steps from the Hockey ring to the skating rink. Scott Schatschneider will see about installing for next year.

Summer Program:

Duane presented the summer report and asked if the committee would like to consider raising the fees. The present fees cost the town \$2.09 per day/ per child. Discussion followed. It was agreed to leave the fees the same in this hard economy.

Tennis Courts and program:

Shelley reported that she had e-mailed Mary Timm about having the tennis program as part of the summer program. She did not get a response. She will continue to work on getting something together to try the program again. The tennis courts will be inspected for repair need after the snow is gone.

Bike and Pedestrian committee:

Bill Miller reported that the committee about the results of a survey of parents about how many children are allowed to bike or walk to and from school. It showed that 50% of the respondents took their children to school and 60% picked them up after school. The issues that parents cited as reasons not to allow their kid to bike or walk were traffic volume, intersection safety and the speed of the traffic. More would be inclined to let children bike or walk if there were sidewalks. Scott Schatschneider mentioned the proposed improvement of Robin lane to fix the problems at the entrance to the IGA.

Rental Agreements/Contracts for use of Doepke Park:

The soccer groups will get back to us to determine their interest in using the fields. Scott Schatschneider felt the soccer groups would be open to contributing something toward the maintenance of the fields. The Wausau Youth Baseball agreement was discussed. Bill Miller expressed concern about the domination of the park by the baseball group from April through July. Scott Schatschneider said that the main problem with the situation is the total use of the parking lot when practices and games are held. This would limit the use by anyone else including a soccer group. Discussion about the scheduling of games and practices followed. The ownership of the fixtures installed by Wausau Youth Baseball needs to also be addressed. Scott Schatschneider asked to wait and talk to the new town Lawyer. The scheduling and cost of use of the park will be determined after meeting with the Lawyer. Duane suggested that the committee make a list of things that committee members would like to see in the contract with Wausau Youth Baseball. The item will be on the agenda again in March.

Financial Report:

George was out of town. The sign for Rookery View was paid for.

Adjournment:

Bill Miller made a motion to adjourn and Duane Zeichert seconded it. All approved.

Next meeting was set for March 10th 2009. Shelley Hertz and Scott Miles will be absent from the next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz