

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 14th, 2009

Call to order:

George Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present included Shelley Hertz, Bill Bursaw, Duane Zeichert and. Scott Miles Bill Miller was excused. Street and Parks superintendent Scott Schatschneider was also present.

Approval of Minutes

George asked for approval of the June 9th minutes. Bill Bursaw made a motion to approve and Duane seconded. All approved.

Street and Parks Report:

Scott Schatschneider reported that the baseball season is winding down and no more tournaments are scheduled. The parking when the tournaments and the soccer are being played works if the hockey rink area is used. People were needed to direct parking during the big tournaments, however. It worked better with the baseball games spread out more this season. George asked if there was any feedback from the soccer group. Scott said no one commented or complained about anything. Scott said that the baseball tournament had left several bags of garbage at the site which were hauled away by the town crew. He felt the Wausau Youth baseball group should provide a dumpster during there tournaments and will talk to them about this issue. Scott S also reported that the garbage can that was added at Liberty Park was already being misused by the public. Garbage from residents was being dumped. Before removing it Scott Miles suggested that we post a message in the town beat asking for cooperation.

Tennis Lessons/Courts:

The Rib Mountain School tennis lessons were completed. The attendance by those who signed up was good. Shelley reported that the number of kids (16) probably does not warrant having a summer program for tennis as it has been tried several times and has not attracted a large number of kids.

Bike and pedestrian Committee Report-Bill M

George asked about a bike rack for Doepke Park. It should be part of the purchases for the future. Lette Becker had e-mailed about the entrance to the IGA. Improvements to that area are being talked about. Signs for the tunnel under the highway when you come off of HWY R will be put up to direct people to the trail that connects to the 17th Ave bridge.

WAYS SA Soccer Schedule:

The soccer group provided there insurance papers and a list of things they will do toward the field maintenance. George asked about getting a copy of their insurance certificate. Bill Bursaw asked about checking to see if the statement to release all employees and town representatives of liability was in the certificate

Summer Program-Duane:

Duane reported that the summer program has 105 kids registered. Enrollment is down this year but up from the last 5 years. Nine children were from out of the Rib Mountain area. South Mountain School had better enrolment than Rib Mountain School.

Future Park Commission Members:

Two names for the park commission were turned in by Bill Bursaw. Shelley also turned in a name for consideration.

2010 Budget Discussion:

A. Borrowing note:

Scott S said more information on the borrowing note will be available after August meeting. The note may come in three separate loans. The commission will ask for the three major priorities in the amount of \$172,000. George suggested that we re-inform the town board of our requests for capital improvements. Scott Miles made a motion that we re-file a memo stating our interest in funding for the items that the park commission had previously identified. Those items being the tennis court resurfacing, the playground equipment for Doepke and the future stewardship grant money for the continuation of the trail at Doepke park. Bill Bursaw seconded. The motion carried.

B: Landscaping:

George suggested that we make suggestions at the next meeting as to where we would like to put new trees if we get them for the fall season. Shelley will take care of further arrangements for the planters at Doepke.

C: Hiring:

Hiring a full time park maintenance person was discussed. This person would report to Scott S. Scott S. said he will compile a list of expected duties for position to present to the board. He will also show how the positions cost will be offset by other expenses that will not be needed after we hire a park worker. The 2010 budget may be ready in Oct. Scott S said it would be about the same as 2009.

Fundraising Report:

George said there is a new bench coming for Doepke that was donated by the Wayne Szymanski family. It will be delivered on the 17th of July. The balance in the account for Doepke is \$21,749. There were a few minor outstanding expenses.

Financial Report:

The budget is not out yet. George reported that some money has come in from shelter rentals and could be used for the trees at Doepke.

Adjournment:

Scott Miles made a motion to adjourn and Duane Zeichert seconded it. All approved.

Next meeting was set for August 11th 2009 at 7:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz

