

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Call to order:

George Synder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken. Members present included Shelley Hertz, Bill Bursaw, Duane Zeichert, Scott Miles, and Bill Miller. New member Sandi Waring was introduced. Street and Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider was also present.

Approval of Minutes

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

Street and Parks Report:

Scott Schatschneider reported that the baseball season is done after the 16th of August. After one season with soccer and baseball the parking lot is still a problem. Scott felt the situation was not safe with that many cars in the lot and with that many kids around. Gaylene and Scott will meet with Mark Meeks from Wausau Youth Baseball for a schedule for next year. Scott thought that Mark Meeks might be open to helping with parking attendants. No feedback was received from the soccer group.

Vision for Parks - Bill Miller:

Bill expressed concern about the vast majority of our time being spent on discussions about Doepke Park. He also was concerned about the lack of willingness of park commission members to take leadership roles. The selection process for members of the commission was also one of his concerns. Bill Bursaw suggested that we come up with a management plan that he could get information on from his experience with the county parks. Discussion followed about the vision of the committee. George suggested that we come up with a clear statement of goals and vision. He also suggested our 5-Year Plan be revised. Bill Bursaw will work with Bill Miller and Sandi Waring on a vision statement for the next meeting. Shelley suggested that one park other than Doepke be addressed at every meeting.

Open Discussion 2010 Budget:

- a. Park inventory - Scott Miles presented an inventory list of the other parks in Rib Mountain and their condition. The list provided concerns that he had about the individual parks. Discussion about including all parks in our meetings followed.
- b. Tennis Court Repair - Shelley provided some information on the condition of the tennis courts. Scott S asked if we would be better off with just one set of courts to maintain rather than the three different sites. Bill Bursaw asked about the playground equipment at the school and whether we will be maintaining it. George said maybe we should have some official communication with the schools about the subject.

- c. Doepke flower maintenance - Shelley reported that some volunteers for now would do the ongoing maintenance. Discussion about ongoing projects by volunteers followed. Shelley suggested that we should not take on projects for the parks that have the need for indefinite volunteering.
- d. Staff hiring - Scott S. reported that the wages for a part-time person to work with him on the parks would be about \$36,000 per year. He did not feel that this new person could be kept busy enough to warrant that kind of increase in wages at this time. He said that he would work on hours with the current employees to cover the park maintenance.
- e. Borrowing note status - Scott S. said the borrowing note is ready to go and will be a 3-year note. The money requested for the parks is in the note.
- f. Other - None
- g. Possible recommendations and adoption of 2010 budget requests - Shelley asked for new nets for next year for the tennis courts at Liberty and South Mountain. Scott said there might be money left in the budget to buy trees for Doepke Park. Also steps will be built for the skating rinks between the two rinks

WYB Updates:

George and Gaylene met with Wausau Youth Baseball on July 20th. Gaylene followed up with a letter responding to the need for a dumpster for garbage and help with the parking lot during tournaments. Wausau Youth Baseball will arrange for a dumpster next season and will help with the parking for tournaments.

Bike and pedestrian Committee Report - Bill M

Bill Miller asked if we could possibly use Doepke Park as an alternate spot for the bike rodeo for next year. Some discussion followed. No motion was made. He suggested that the vision statement also include the trails and bike paths. He will look into a source for donating a bike rack for Doepke Park.

Fundraising Report:

George reported that there is \$21,699.69 balance in the account for Doepke Park. Two more tiles were purchase recently and there will be some engraving costs. George will call Wausau Tile about the tiles.

Financial Report/budget status:

None

Adjournment:

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

Next meeting was set for Sept 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz