

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PARK COMMISSION  
Tuesday, September 8, 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, Scott Miles, and Bill Miller. Sandi Waring was excused. Street and Parks superintendent Scott Schatschneider was also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

George asked for approval of the June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Scott Miles made a motion to approve and Bill Bursaw seconded. All approved.

**Street and Parks Report:**

Scott Schatschneider reported that the budget for Street and Parks would stay about the same. There will be raises for the part-time workers. There will be a budget meeting in October to determine the final budget. Scott was asked by a group about a cycling event they would like to have at Doepke Park on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The group would rent the shelter for the event. Several sponsors would help put on the event. In addition they would like to start practicing on Wednesday nights for 2 hours. Some discussion about damage to the trail and liability insurance followed. Bill Miller explained the cycle cross race to the commission. Shelley asked Scott for a dollar amount for possible trail repairs if needed after the race. Shelley made a motion that the cycle cross race be accepted providing the group made a \$300 refundable deposit for the repair of the trail and also provided an insurance policy for the event that covered the Town of Rib Mountain and its employees. Scott Miles seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Scott Schatschneider reported that signs for the trails were put up on Morning Glory and Sunrise Court and bike route plaques were also put up. Scott also suggested that we improve the Chuck Kickbusch plaque to include his service to the Rib Mountain area so people would know what he did through the years. Shelley will look into getting something made. George Snyder asked if the bathrooms at Doepke could be kept open by the Fire Department. He suggested they be opened from 9am to close daily. Scott will sit down with the Fire Department and work on getting them to take care of it.

**Vision for Parks- Bill Bursaw and committee:**

Bill presented the Vision Statement that he and Sandi worked on. Some discussion followed on our 5-Year Plan and goals for things we need to address. Duane suggested that we look at our goals yearly and determine how to pay for improvements to the Parks. Scott Miles suggested some revisions to the wording of the statement. Bill will edit the statement and bring it back to the next meeting.

### **Liberty Park review (Park of the Month)**

George provided a check sheet on Liberty Park. Scott S. pointed out the limitations on the park to improve areas because we do not own the property. Bill Miller had taken a picture of the park and voiced concerns about the condition of the playground equipment. Bill Bursaw will investigate the replacement or repair of some of the playground equipment. Bill Miller voiced some concern about the overgrown area leading to the tennis courts. Scott Miles pointed out that the park was used by small groups for baseball or soccer and even tennis on the courts that are in need of repair. The discussion was put on hold due to time and will be brought up at the next meeting.

### **Bike and pedestrian Committee Report-Bill M**

Bill Miller reported that a donation of two bike racks for Doepke Park was made by the Lions Club. They are valued at \$1200. He asked that the Park Commission send a thank you note. George will take care of it. Bill asked the commission if the bike rodeo could be held at Doepke Park in the spring. The commission members were in favor of it.

### **Fundraising Report:**

George presented a fundraising possibility to the commission. Bill Bursaw was familiar with it and did not recommend it. The current balance in the fundraising account is \$20,949.69. A bench was purchased from Wausau Tile for \$750 with a \$1,500 donation. Scott Schatschneider asked if some of the money in fundraising could be used for trees for Doepke Park. George said he would prefer it come out of the shelter rental fund. Scott will go ahead and get the trees.

### **Financial Report/budget status:**

George said that 48% of the budget has been used as of the end of July and that we should be in good shape until the end of the year.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Scott Miles and Shelley Hertz will work on nominating officers for the committee.

### **Adjournment:**

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

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

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz