

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
Tuesday, Oct 13, 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, Bill Miller and Sandi Waring. Street and Parks superintendent Scott Schatschneider was also present.

Approval of Minutes

George asked for approval of the September 8th minutes. Scott Miles made a motion to approve and Bill Miller seconded. All approved.

Street and Parks Report:

Scott Schatschneider reported that eight trees were planted at Doepke Park. The cycle cross race that was proposed last month was not going forward. They decided they needed more space and the trails were too narrow. Signage was put up at various locations that will better inform about the trails in Rib Mountain. The new digger toy was installed at Liberty Park. The sign for Chuck Kickbusch will be revised in the spring.

Park Commission Meeting time:

There was a proposal from George to change the meeting time for the Park commission. Bill Miller made a motion that the time be changed to 6 p.m. After discussion the motion was revised to 5 p.m. Bill Bursaw and Sandi Waring seconded it. All approved.

Doepke Park restroom locks:

George had requested that the restrooms be kept open regularly at Doepke Park. Scott had checked with the fire station and said they were not willing to be responsible for the locking and unlocking. Scott researched programmable locking systems and gave a cost of about \$3000 for the two doors. Bill Bursaw stated that they maybe an item to add to the borrowing note. It will be discussed again later.

Park Vision Statement:

There was some discussion about the statement. Duane made a motion that we accept the statement as proposed. All approved.

Liberty park review and update (playground equipment):

Bill Bursaw reported that there are a number of companies that will design a new playground to fit your needs. We would need to decide what needs to be replace and how much to spend. Bill Miller suggested that we wait to see what the Sanitary District has planned for that property before we make any plans. Shelley reported that the tennis courts at Liberty could be salvaged by filling cracks and resurfacing and not a total redo of the asphalt. This would be considerably less expensive. Duane asked if a survey could be put in the Town Beat to see if that neighborhood cares to retain the tennis courts. Scott S said that the response to poles is poor.

The town asked for input on bus transportation and got little response. Costs to renovate the courts will be looked into and evaluated at another meeting.

Park of the Month:

Bill Miller suggested that we finish with Liberty Park before moving on to the others.

Bike and Pedestrian Committee Report:

Bill Miller reported that the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meeting had been canceled last month due to no quorum. They will be discussing a change in format for the skills stations for the bike rodeo for the spring. There is some opposition to moving the bike rodeo from the town hall to Doepke Park.

Fundraising Report:

George reported that the funds balance was \$20,949.

Financial Report/Budget Status:

George said that the budget status was in good shape. We have used about 64% of the total budget. We do not have a complete report on the income from the rentals at Doepke. We need to get reports on clean up and other supplies and see what is left. From the report on the rentals some concerns about the number of cancellations was brought up. The commission agreed that the policy needs to be reviewed. We will look at it and review it for next meeting.

Open discussion of 2010 goals and projects:

We will discuss this next month and update our 5-Year Plan. The commission will review the items listed in the borrowing note. We asked for a total of \$175.00 from the note.

Nominating Committee:

Scott Miles and Shelley Hertz asked for nominations for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Secretary. George Synder was nominated for the position of Chairperson. Shelley Hertz was nominated for the position of Secretary. The position of Vice Chair was left unfilled for now. A unanimous ballot for the positions was proposed by Bill Bursaw. All approved. Bill Bursaw asked to be excused from the next meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Next meeting was set for Nov 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Shelley Hertz