

**TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PARK COMMISSION  
Tuesday, June 8, 2010**

**Call to order**

George Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll was taken. Members present included Duane Zeichert, Bill Miller, Bill Bursaw and Scott Miles. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Superintendent was also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Bill Bursaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11th meeting. Bill Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Streets and Parks Report:**

- The Doepke Park automated door locks have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. New doors were not needed to accommodate the locks.
- The playground equipment will be inspected by Dan Forianza (from the Marathon County Parks Dept) to determine their condition.
- The fence along the west side of Doepke Park has been installed. This was requested by the Syzmanski's and they contributed to the cost of the fence. Members commented that it looked good.
- Summer program materials were delivered.
- Duane commented on the new bench at Doepke and that the trail along Park Road looked very good. Bill M. noted that the Doepke Park trail looked good; the landscaping looks very nice. Scott S. explained that the trail mulch will be compacted.

**Tennis Lesson Inquiries**

Three or four calls have been received about summer tennis lessons. Rib Mountain is not offering lessons this summer due to low numbers signing up for the program last year. Those calls were directed to Marathon County Parks Dept which does offer summer youth lessons.

**Doepke Park Walking Trail Usage**

Bonnie Dau, an on-line running storeowner, requested permission to use the trails at Doepke Park for several Thursday "walking clinics". The dates would be Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Similar clinics have been run in the past several years at 9 Mile Forest, but Doepke offers a suitable site and is closer for most participants. From 2-14 people have participated in past clinics. The training clinics are free but equipment (walking poles, etc) would be available to purchase and a tent would be set up on the clinic dates for registration. Scott S will check to see if a license is needed to sell equipment. Otherwise, the Park Commission supported this type of use for Doepke Park.

## **Wausau Youth Baseball**

An updated summer youth baseball schedule was presented.

## **Park Improvement Priorities**

George introduced the topic and opened it for input from the group. Individuals shared their lists of priorities. The following is a summary from those present:

- Liberty Park – tennis courts and playground equipment
- Doepke Park – door locks, north trail development, trees, access from south of Hwy R
- Chellis – no needs
- Rookery – picnic table(s), benches, port-a-potty
- Tot Lot (Phlox) – other park site in that area
- Others – benches for trail (along R and other sites)

Additional comments: Duane would like the Park Commission to seek resident's input for what is needed for our parks through the Town Beat. He also would like to see the Town Beat publish a map so residents can locate each park and provide other information about what each park offers residents. Bill M. agreed with this idea. He also commented that Doepke Park is a showcase park with more regional appeal for groups and events than other town parks. It is a park people drive to as opposed to neighborhood parks found in the rest of the town. Scott S. agreed with Bill that Doepke causes some special situations, but that the town has invested money into making the park an asset for the town and will continue to do so through grant money for proposed trails. Scott S. talked about how the town now has "linear" parks (trails and pathways) that have been added to our system over the past five years. George commented that Hummingbird/ Cty. Hwy R is a perfect example of this and that the town does landscape work on this trail too. The dilemma - expanded lands to maintain that are not owned by the town. It was agreed to continue this discussion at further meetings.

## **Donation Program**

A list of potential donations was discussed. Trees, benches, picnic tables, \$ for trail creation and an open donation category (tile) were the items mentioned. Bill B suggested a brochure with check-off categories. The idea of putting this in the Town Beat on a regular basis (rather than a brochure) was mentioned. Bill B and Shelly (?) will look into the design of a brochure and report back to the group. Bill B also raised the possibility that students at UWSP might help design a brochure as part of their class work. A town branding (logo) campaign is also being considered by the town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill M and seconded by Duane. It passed.

**Next meeting: July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**