

**TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PARK COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010**

**Call to Order:** George Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Members present include Duane Ziechert, Bill Miller, Bill Bursaw, Sandi Waring. Shelly Hertz and Scott Miles were excused. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Supervisor, was also present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bill B made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/14/10. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Streets and Parks Superintendent's Report:** Scott S reported that they will start getting ready for winter at the end of Nov. Everything is the same process as it was last year. They may look at putting up temporary light fixtures for the Hockey Rink.

The net at the Soccer Field is torn up. Scott says it happens with the wind and also by the lawn mowers running over it. Wausau Tent and Awning may look at it.

A picnic table has been "transplanted" to Rookery Park.

Jim Legner redid all of the Blue Bird Houses at Deopke Park.

George presented an e-mail between himself and Mark Meeks regarding the WYB. They are cleaning up the Storage Shed area at Doepke, removing concrete blocks, cleaning the area, and requested to make a number of improvements to the facility. Scott S thought that the Parks Commission should be aware of where they propose to plant trees, what species, who will maintain any plantings, etc. George and Scott S will compose an e-mail asking for a drawing of their plan for improvements. This plan will be submitted to the Parks and Planning for approval.

**Park Commission Resignation-**Bill Miller is resigning as of 12/1/10. His resignation letter was sent to Gaylene and George. George wanted to know if any of the board members could recommend individuals that may be interested in filling the spot. Gaylene will be putting the position in the next Town Beat.

**Park Donor Program:** Bill Bursaw related that he has had no time to work on the Donor Program and will set up a time this month to meet with Scott S. George wants to wrap up the discussion at the meeting in Nov. All other items under the Donor Program were deferred until next month.

**2011 Park Budget** –Scott S stated that the projected budget for 2011 is identical to the 2010 budget. There are no increases or decreases. He reported that 1 time items are taken out of the borrowing funds and all items are approved.

**Trail Maintenance-** There is a concern of on-going maintenance along R. George stated that we need to alert the county so that we can all work together. Rib Mountain maintains grass/snow removal but there is nothing written about the structural maintenance. It is felt The County should be responsible for that. Scott S and Bill Miller will draft a letter to negotiate long term maintenance to send to the Bike and Pedestrian Committee and a copy will be sent to the County Board. A copy will be in the next Park Commission packet. Bill Bursaw made a motion to do this and Bill Miller seconded. Motion approved by all.

**Safe Crossing-County Hwy R-**How might we support safety issues at the crossing at Trillium and N Intersection? It is a difficult place to cross. Scott S felt that the PED Committee may have great ideas and it should also go to the Public Safety Committee. Bill Miller made a motion that the Park Commission should send a letter to the Town Board asking them to address safety crossing issues at both the tunnel on R and the Firehouse (Trillium and N). Bill Bursaw seconded the motion. Approve by all.

**Financial Budget Status 2010-**There has been an inquiry of a donation to Doepke Park from Marge Erickson-Ongna (per Sept. 14 meeting). George wrote back and suggested that the donation be put on hold until the Donor Program has been finalized. She sent a note back thanking George and asking the Commission to keep them in mind for a donation.

Tile Donation-there has been a \$100 tile donation. When it is finished the tile will be sent to Scott S for placement

Doepke Donation Fund Balance-all donation funds have now been transferred to the Town Of Rib Mnt. Balance is \$18817.64 (including the \$100 tile). An account has been set up to hold, in trust, for the development of Doepke Park. George feels the funds should not be used for maintenance since all funds were a tax deduction donation for the development of the Park. He would like criteria set for the use of the funds. He feels the funds should be used for Capital Improvements. It must be determined what constitutes a Capitol Improvement. George would like us to come back for the Nov. 9 meeting with an outline of what would be appropriate guidelines. George will call the Community Foundation to determine what their guidelines might be.

\$3140 Shelter Rental Funds are available for future expenditures.

**Nominating Committee:** George has reluctantly agreed to be President for one more year. Sandi has called Shelly Hertz to see if she would like to take role of Vice Chair. However, she is out of town for the next week. If she is willing to take that role, Scott Miles will be asked to take the role of Secretary. Bill Bursaw wondered if the Bi-Laws of the Park Commission required 3 separate entities or if some of the positions could be combined. George stated that there needed to be 3 separate positions. The Nominating Committee will report next meeting if either or both of the positions would be accepted.

**Adjournment:** Duane Zeichert made a motion to adjourn. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.