

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 9, 2010

- I. Call to Order: George Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Members present included Shelly Hertz, Bill Miller, Sandi Waring, Duane Ziechert and Scott Miles. Bill Bursaw was excused. Scott Schatschneider, Streets and Parks Supervisor, was also present. Mark Meeks, WYB, was also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Shelly H. moved and Sandi W. seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Streets and Parks Report: Scott S. recommended the hiring of Tom Bedora and Jason Kickbush as returning employees for the winter program. Scott M. moved and Bill M. seconded the motion to hire Tom and Jason. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott S. talked with Kevin Lang of the Marathon County Highway Dept. about our concerns with trail maintenance along County Hwy R and the danger of crossing Hwy R without a controlled intersection.

Scott S. reported that the 2011 Town Budget will be finalized on November 23rd. No further report on that topic.

The small Parking lot off Iris (Doepke Park) has been paved.

- IV. Wausau Youth Baseball: Mark Meeks, WYB, was present to talk about plans for the baseball diamonds at Doepke Park. He described changes the WYB would like to make at those fields. Removing the fencing along the left and right field lines and replacing it with lower fencing was one change. Other changes included edging and aerating the field, adding crushed granite around the field, and fertilizing the field. WYB would like to plant six trees between the large and smaller diamonds to help prevent foul balls from getting to the other field. An additional three trees would be planted along the left field line for added shade for the bleachers. A final plan will be provided with details about planting locations and types of trees to be used as the plan is finalized. The goal is to create the best Little League field in the state. Additional changes that have already been discussed included the batting cage that will be attached to the equipment shed. Adding bleachers along the left field line

will also be done. Scott S. will check to see if Planning Commission approval is required and WYB will make an official request with detailed plans for the baseball diamonds at Doepke Park. There was additional discussion about the exclusive use of Doepke Park baseball fields by WYB. Scott S. explained the contract between the Town and WYB was written in 2004-05 and has been revised. WYB made an initial investment of \$90,000 to start the fields and lights have been added by WYB. The contract is due to expire in 2012. The concerns of the Park Commission have been communicated to WYB by George S and Scott S. The new contract will hopefully address these concerns.

- V. Park Commission Nominees: Four names were submitted to the Park Commission to fill the position held by Bill Miller who is resigning. The names of Mary Pat Campbell, Leslie Dillie Markevitch, Mai Herr and Bert Nitzke. After some discussion, a motion was made by Shelly H and seconded by Sandi W to have Bill Miller call the four candidates. He will discuss the responsibilities of the Park Commission and ask if they have a vision for parks in the Town. He will report back to George S and the recommendation for Al Opall will be put on our December meeting's agenda. The motion passed 5-1.
- VI. Park Donor Program: Scott S and Bill B met to create a policy for park donations. A standardized list and prices will be included in this program. The items would include steel green benches (\$1200), wood picnic tables (\$400), recycling trash containers (\$300), trees (10-14') (\$500), flowers (\$50) and tiles (\$50). There was discussion of "mutt mitts" and "general fund" contributions also. Scott S and Bill will use these items and figures to develop a finalized document for the Park Donor Program.
- VII. Doepke Fund Expenditure Criteria: The Foundation has moved funds into a 450 Fund that must be used as a 503C account. The money must be used for items it is donated for at Doepke Park. The \$18,000 would be distributed according to the following criteria:

Doepke Fund Expenditure Criteria
(applies to funds in Rib Mt. Fund 450)

1. All expenditures will be made in the spirit of the donors to the fund.
2. To qualify for withdrawal, requests must be for capital improvements only; not year to year operations or maintenance expenses.
3. All expenditures must be approved by the Rib Mountain Park Commission.

VIII. Shelter Rental Modification: Scott M made a motion and Shelly H seconded it to add a line to the application that states: “Heat will be used? Yes No (circle)”.
The motion passed 6-0.

IX. The Humane Society is requesting use of Doepke Park for a “fun run” on June 5, 2010. They will attend a future meeting to present their plan for this event.

X. The Town and its new insurance company want clarification on the arrangement between the Rib Mt Sanitary District for Liberty Park.
More information will be provided after contacting the Rib Mt Sanitary District.

XI. The budget seems to be in fair shape as we approach the last few months of 2010.

XII. Scott M made a motion and Sandi W seconded it to approve new officers for the Park Commission. It passed 6-0.
Shelly H will take over the Vice-Chair from Bill Miller and Scott M will assume duties of Secretary. The Park Commission recognized and thanked Bill Miller for his service.

XIII. The motion to adjourn was made by Shelly and seconded by Bill M at 7:35 PM.