

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission
January 8, 2013

Call to Order: Chairperson George Snyder called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM.

Roll Call: Members present included Bill Bursaw, Liesle Dille-Markavitch, Scott Miles, George Snyder and Duane Zeichert. Mai Herr and Bert Nitzke were excused. Scott Turner, Streets and Parks Superintendent, and Tom Haebig of the Wausau Noon Optimist Club) were also present.

Noon Optimist "Winter Fishery"

George S introduced Tom Haebig representing the Wausau Noon Optimist Club. Tom addressed the Commission and asked for permission to hold the annual "Winter Fishery" at Rookery Park on Sunday, February 10th from noon to 3 PM. Last year the event had over 140 contestants and the winning fish was a +35" northern. Food is available and almost every participant receives some kind of prize. The Noon Optimists will set up a portable toilet and be responsible for clean up after the event. There were questions about traffic and a need for police to help with traffic but Tom said it was used several years ago and did not seem necessary. A motion to approve the event was made by Bill B and seconded by Liesle D. The motion passed.

Streets and Parks Report

Scott T reported on park maintenance. He stated that an electrician was at Doepke Park and installed new exterior lights, moved light switches, moved the thermostat, replaced a speaker and put a light on the south side of the shelter. Scott is suggesting that gutters and insulation be added to improve the shelter.

Scott said the Winter Program began on December 29th with extended hours. The event was well attended by skaters and sledders.

He has talked with Pepsi vendors who currently re-stock the vending machine at the shelter. Scott would like to start a self-service plan where Pepsi would deliver cases of soda to the storage room at the shelter. Staff would fill the machine as needed. The soda would be larger containers and a percentage of the sales would be returned to the Town. Scott thought this money could be used to fund maintenance projects at the parks.

A motion was made by Bill B and seconded by Duane Z to begin a self-service program with the money be utilized for park maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no report on the locks.

Winter Program Job Description:

Scott T presented a draft job description for Ice Rink Maintenance and Attendant. He asked for review and suggestions from the Commission. Questions were raised about the phrase "Must be able to talk, hear and see". Was this necessary? Also, the idea of adding the phrase "Having the ability to work with the general public in an authoritative role". Scott T will check with Gaylene about these statements and will see if a minimum age requirement should be included. (Working with machinery requirement).

A motion to approve the description with those suggestions was made by Scott M and seconded by Bill B. The motion passed.

Communications:

George S contacted Becky about the Summer Program. She will attend our March meeting to discuss plans and programs for the 2013 Summer Program. Also, in checking on a bench approved at our last meeting, George found that Schuette Metals no longer makes the metal benches. Wausau Tile does, but the price has gone from \$600 to \$895. Scott T will check with other companies to see about their prices. Bill B suggested RJ Thomas Manufacturing.

Financial Report:

No report. Year-end report will be available shortly.

Open Discussion:

George said that a February meeting may not be necessary. He will let us know.

The Rib Mountain Community Foundation is considering a "fund raiser". He passed out sample mugs with different logos. He asked us to complete a survey/evaluation of the three designs. (One had a picture of the ski hill while the other two had a colorful lettering of Rib Mountain. A question about the legality of using the state park/ski hill was raised.)

Adjournment:

Duane Z made a motion to adjourn and Bill B seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.