

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission meeting
08/13/13

Call to Order 5:05

Present: Scott Miles, Bill Bursaw, Scott Turner, Brad Conklin, Liesle Markevitch, Duane Zeichart, Chad Grundeman, Mai Herr

Approval of minutes from July meeting: Bill B moves to approve, 2nd by Duane Z, motion passed.

Park Commission Appointment- Welcome to new member Brad Conklin

Street & Parks Report by Scott Turner:

- a. Doepke North Trail Planning- Scott has been working with DNR and AECOM to explore options to use grant money without completing trail as the estimate was much higher than previously provided. Some money can be used for lighting, parking, amenities etc. Town can also file for an extension to use the money.
- b. 51/29 Trail Construction- well underway, completion is expected in September. Two parties have expressed interest in "adopting" the trail. Rib Mt Bike/Ped Committee will likely take the lead on ribbon cutting ceremony.
- c. Chellis Park Bee issue- A resident complained of an overabundance of bees. Rib Mt. Pest Control applied 2 pest control applications for a cost of approximately \$300.

Doepke Park Shelter Rental Fee Schedule: Residents \$60, Non-residents \$90, non-profit associated with Rib Mt \$30. No fee for major events decided yet. Discussion about what constitutes a "major event". I.e. activities beyond boundaries of shelter (tents, bouncy houses, fire trucks). Bill mentioned what State of WI uses- special event recreational use license. Scott T will bring proposal with parameters to next meeting. Scott M asked Scott T to also inquire as to what other municipalities in the area use. The new reservation system has been running smoothly.

Wausau Youth Baseball Agreement Amendment: WYB would like to add an additional week (Monday through Thursday) of tournament play so they will have 2 weeks a year. They have always had 2 weeks but it was not updated in the last agreement wording. In addition in 2014 there is a 3rd week of tournament because they are hosting the State Tournament which rotates every 6 years. Approved. Scott T is going to meet with WYB to brainstorm ideas about making parking easier.

Park Bench Update: The donor who wanted a bench at Rookery View did not like the one the commission picked out so she picked a different one. Bill B brought up the issue of where the commission draws the line if the next donor wants yet another design. Bill made a motion to deny the donation, Liesle 2nd. More discussion- perhaps the commission will pick more than one style, discussion about the purpose of the commission picking a standard if it is not going to be followed, why are we meeting and deciding these issues then?, if we pick more than one style are we going to change the

standard again? Vote on motion- Liesle, Bill and Scott M voted nay; Duane, Chad and Brad voted yes; Mai abstained. No decision made. Commission can't move forward with picking multiple benches as it was not on agenda. Scott T will email members the bench brochure to revisit picking more than one option at next meeting.

Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan: in process

Election of Park Commission President: Motion by Chad to appoint Bill B for a 14 month appointment until October 2014. Scott M 2nd. Motion passed.

Financial Statement: reviewed

Open Discussion: Duane asked about the locks on Doepke bathrooms. No progress. Chad stated he would look at the manual etc.

Chad talked about the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) who were in Wausau recently. He would like to invite them to the September meeting to tell commission about their plans for trails etc. and see if we want to incorporate our goals. Scott T will also invite the bike/ped committee to Sept meeting.

Meeting adjourned- 6:30