

Town of Rib Mountain
Park Commission
February 11, 2014

- I. Chairperson Bill Bursaw called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
- II. Roll was taken. Bill Bursaw, Brad Conklin, Chad Grundemann, Mai Herr, Liesle Markavitch, Scott Miles and Duane Zeichert were present. Scott Turner, Supt. of Streets and Parks was also in attendance.
- III. Motion made by Chad G to approve the minutes with the correction of the word “adjoin”. It should be changed to “adjourn”. Motion was seconded by Brad C. Motion passed.
- IV. Scott T presented a brief report on the winter recreation program. Obviously, cold weather has had a big impact on attendance at the rinks. Whenever weather permits, people are skating and sledding at Doepke Park. Also the Fishery was held last weekend. Scott reminded the Commission that any large event needs to provide proof of insurance as part of their permit. Restroom doors still need to have locks properly installed.
- V. Liberty Park “pump track” concept was discussed at the last meeting. This off-road track was approved by the Commission and sent to the Town Board. They endorsed the concept of a track to be constructed by the CWOC (Central WI off-road cycling coalition) on the east side of the park to the south of the tennis courts. Dan Abt from CWOC was at the last Park Commission meeting and will be the contact person for this plan. This site would not impact walking trails and was away from sanitary district’s future well or pumping sites. Discussion of whether the track would be allowed with a conditional use permit for an “active park”. (No conditional use would be needed if the pump track is considered a “passive park.”)
- VI. The Stewardship Grant for improvements at Doepke Park was discussed. Bill B mentioned that any improvements that draw more people to the park will impact parking concerns. Scott T described additional parking sites that could be available on the

ice rink or could be made available on the soccer field. The Commission looked at the ideas for improvements from the consulting firm.

1. Disc Golf – although it is a growing activity Doepke does not have the space for a site unless property to the east could be developed.
2. Splash Pad – too expensive to maintain.
3. BB court – available at nearby schools.
4. Sand Volleyball Court – not at this time.
5. Gazebo with picnic tables and grille – several smaller shelters would provide shade/cover to family picnic areas. Two or three spread around the park with one or two tables in each should be considered.
6. Green paving stones on ice rink – would require some prep work but would provide for more parking areas.
7. Paved trail – Commission members like gravel paths.
8. Boardwalk loop – Scott T will look into this as a way to link park to land to the east for disc golf site.
9. Irrigation was not considered necessary although drain tile for some wet areas should be considered.
10. Softball field upgrade was not deemed necessary.
11. Trees and landscaping was discussed. ATC (American Transmission Co. provides trees for communities and may be how the Town uses its matching dollars for the grant. Scott T will look into this for the Commission.

VII. The Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan was discussed. The survey of town residents is moving forward through the Town Beat, Facebook and town website. Additional ideas for discussion will be on-going as new ideas are brought to the Commission. A separate meeting will be considered to discuss survey and other ideas for the town's five year plan. New ideas talked about at this meeting include:

1. Development of access trail to east side of Doepke Park land to develop disc golf site.
2. Rookery Park vision with viewing platform and memorial bench.
3. Development of shelters along bike trails in the town that would include a bench and would create a common shelter/site

for walkers and bikers in the town. One site discussed was off Sunrise Drive by the trail/path leading to the bridge over the WI river.

- VIII. The financial statement was reviewed. There were no questions.
- IX. There were no reports from Commission members.
- X. Motion to adjourn made by Scott M and seconded by Duane Z. The motion passed.