

Rib Mountain Park Commission
June 10, 2014 Meeting

Chairman Bill Bursaw called Park Commission to order at 5:00.

Present: Chariman Bursaw, Chad Grundemann, Brad Conklin, Duane Zeichert, Mai Herr and Liesle Markevitch. Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Liesle Markevitch seconded by Chad Grundermann to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes. Questioned and carried.

Street & Park Report: Scott Turner informed the committee that Doepke Shelter rentals are in full swing and the season will be busy. Scott is presently working with the Town's IT staff to resolve the lock issues at Doepke Park. After a review at Chellis Park, it appears the bee situation has been resolved. Scott is currently obtaining quotes for the resurfing the tennis courts at Liberty Park and South Mountain School. Scott also informed the committee that the Plan Commission had denied the text amendment for active use for the Town's parks. It will go before the Town Board at the June 17th meeting. The committee also discussed the possibility of shoreline maintenance from overgrowth. Scott will research the liability issues.

Eagle Scout Project: Bobby McGucken has proposed to the Town for his Eagle Scout Project the construction of six Leopold Benches to be placed throughout the Town. They will be constructed out of green treated lumber and paid for by Bobby.

Motion by Liesle Markevitch, seconded by Mai Herr to approve the request by Bobby McGucken to construct six green treated Leopold Benches. Questioned and carried.

Doepke Park Stewardship Grant Project - Update: Chairman Bill Bursaw excused himself and Chad Grundermann presided as chairman. Scott Turner informed the committee surveying has been completed and design alternatives are currently being designed. Design evaluations are being conducted regarding the boardwalk pertaining to the level wetlands. If all goes well bidding will begin in August and construction to start in September and October.

Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan – Update & Discussion: Bill Bursaw re-zoomed his chairmanship. Members reviewed the memorandum from Fred Heider on potential goals and objectives. Under goal #1, the committee determined they should work in conjunction with the Bike/Pedestrian committee. Under sub-number 5, they would like to encourage local businesses to include bicycle parking on site. They questioned if during Plan Commission site reviews if staff could also encourage commercial entities to include bike parking areas.

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Goal#2: Committee members had a strong opinion for installation of proper markings for water access points, which would allow for access points for snowmobilers and canoers. A questioned presented was if there would be any forms of grant available for project funding.

Goal#3: Scott stated parkland fees are factored in for the fees on each new home construction. Scott also recommended establishing amenities list for each existing park.

Chairman Bursaw suggested setting up a meeting to establish goals and objectives. It was recommended that each member create a list of ideas which are to be sent to Scott by June 24th.

Financial Statement: Scott noted the budget is looking good.

Report from Commission Members: Brad Conklin complemented the Public Works crew for the good maintenance work. Chairman Bursaw also noted how they have helped to address the invasive species growth.

Motion by Duane Zeichert, seconded by Brad Conklin to adjourn. Questioned and carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:01 p.m.

Submitted by:
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk