

Rib Mountain Park Commission meeting 07/08 /14

Call to order by Bill B at 5:06

Present: Duane Zeichert, Andrea Larson, Liesle Dille, Bill Bursaw, Mai Herr.

Absent: Chad Grundemann, Brad Conklin

Liesle moves to approve minutes, Duane 2nd. Motion passes.

**Street and parks report** was included in packet, (Scott is on vacation.)

### ***Park Inspections***

1. Inspection Report See attached detailed report prepared by Randy Sauter, Operator 1, Town of Rib Mountain Public Works Department

#### ***Doepke Park***

1. The bathroom locks are still not operational. We are working with the Dirks Group to provide IT support.
2. Damage to Soccer Nets – It appears vandals cut one of the soccer nets. A very large hole was cut in south net near the fence. In general the nets are in poor condition with rips and tears at the bottoms. They will need to be replaced or sent in for repair this winter.
3. Rain Garden - The Town was awarded \$750 from the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition for the construction of a rain garden. Rain gardens help infiltrate and treat stormwater runoff. The rain garden will be at Doepke Park. Over 800 flowing plants were installed. Educational signs will be installed as part of the project. See attached photos.
4. Stewardship Grant Trail Project- The Town received approval for an easement from Marathon County and is working with WNDR for a land use agreement. Plans are moving forward. Boardwalk and wetland permits will be submitted and bidding will occur in late July early August. Fall construction is planned. See the attached trail plan.
5. New Plantings – new plants were installed at the shelter rental. The Public Works Crew has been working hard to get everything looking nice. See attached photos.

#### ***Tennis Court Crack Filling***

1. Receiving proposals for crack filling of the tennis courts – South Mountain, North Mountain, and Liberty Park. We have \$5,000 budget.

July 2, 2014

Results from initial playground inspection:

By: Randy Sauter, Operator 1, Town of Rib Mountain Public Works Department

#### **DOEPKE**

**Issue:** More than a dozen bolts and nuts were missing.

**Resolution:** Bolts and nuts were replaced. Lee Recreation was contacted and a rep will meet with us regarding this issue as they were very concerned. All bolts are tamper-proof but nuts are not. I will address this with them.

**Issue:** Rubber chips were displaced under swings, slides, zip line and spinning device - exposing fabric.

This was creating a number of tripping hazards.

**Resolution:** Re-laid fabric and put heavy mats over fabric in problem areas. Then put rubber chips back over mats. As such, if chips are displaced again, it will not create a tripping hazard.

**FLAX**

**Issue:** Found no safety issues with playground equipment. Some material was displaced under swings and slide.

**Resolution:** Raked material back in place.

**CHELLIS**

**Issue:** Found several loose bolts and nuts. Also a couple of "S" hooks were open too wide.

**Resolution:** Tightened and lock tightened loose nuts and bolts. Closed up "S" hooks.

**Issue:** Needs cosmetic attention as far as finishes on some of the equipment.

**Issue:** Missing an aluminum plank on bench by playground (6' x 3.5").

**LIBERTY**

**Issue:** Found no issue with playground equipment. Wood chips were displaced under swings and slides.

**Resolution:** Wood chips were raked back in place.

**ADDITIONAL WORK COMPLETED:**

- Sprayed round-up at the following locations:
  - Walking trail at Doepke
  - Volleyball, tennis and basketball courts at Liberty
- Trimmed trees by tennis court driveway at Liberty to improve visibility when leaving the parking lot.
- Trimmed trees along Doepke walking trail.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Need more rubber chips and pea gravel for Doepke.
- Need cosmetic work and aluminum bench board for Chellis.
- Playground equipment should be checked every 2 weeks for displaced material under swings, slides, and spinning equipment.
- Doepke should be inspected monthly due to heavy use

**Rental fund designation proposal.** Gaylene explained the history of how expenses for the shelter were budgeted in the past, which was \$1100 per year. With the huge increase in rentals that amount is not enough for the year. Proposal is the take half of the rental fee (\$30 of the \$60), for each rental and put it in general operating costs and the other half will go to capital improvement fund. It will be transferred at the end of the year based on the amount of rentals. Liesle made motion to accept proposal, Mai 2nd. Motion passed.

\* future agenda item- assess amount of rental fee for Doepke for possible increase. Please note Can't charge more than 1 1/2 times for non-residents. Right now it is \$60 and \$90.

**Park and rec plan:** discussion about ideas for plan- Bill stated that he did not think we need to get in to very detailed objectives, the general objectives Fred listed seem to be adequate. Liesle stated she looked back at our old list of "to dos" and projects and all of them were completed through either Park Commission action or maintenance action. The only thing she added was picnic tables near Doepke playground. Brad included an email and map of the Hwy KK bypass as suggestions: Rib Mountain Parks / Ped Plan Suggestions

· Doepke Park Shelters. We have discussed and may end up using our funds on the woods trail so still would like to keep Shelters and Grills on the list for Doepke.

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· Park Benches along paved pedestrian trails. The I-39 behind Walmart trail and the pedestrian trail by Domtar dam could use one or two there.

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· Ultimate town goal, please all residents and find a way to bypass Count Hwy KK. Long term goal or some solution. I think the map I will list below could be our best option. (Work with Mosinee on this)

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· If Doepke Park wooded trail gets completed, plans for park benches and disc golf course in the wooded land.

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I am attaching here a long range plan on what I think would be huge for this area. I know the talks of Trillium to Foxglove as a multi use trail is out there which is great but I say to help with the KK issue long range plan to keep it expanding.

\*\*These minutes should be forwarded to Fred.

Discussion about next step i.e. Publicizing the report/ open house ( not recommended) vs. Putting on Facebook/ website/ copies at elections.

\*\* future agenda item, finalize plan and have Fred back.

Financial statement- reviewed

Move to adjourn 5:31.