

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**October 13, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Chairman Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbrauer, Chad Grundemann, Brad Conklin, Andrea Larson and Marne Bruner. Streets Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter were also present. Liesle Markevitch was excused.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Conklin/Bruner to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 minutes with the noted spelling correction. Questioned and carried 6:0.**

**Streets and Park Report** – Street Superintendent Turner noted he had no outstanding issues related to the parks. Public Work crew will be fertilizing and liming the park grounds. Committee members noted a need for a possible baby swing at Chellis Park. Chairman Bursaw said he spoke with a Tracy from Wausau East who is putting together a walk/run event on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Scott stated the swings at Doepke Park should be installed by the end of the month.

**2016 Park Budget Update – Tennis Court Repairs** – Turner reported the tennis courts are in dire need of repair due to cracking. Scott stated he has been researching materials and found a specialized material which uses a fiberglass formula to seal the cracks. The cost is \$20,000 but the life span is anywhere from 10 to 15 years.

**Update on Park Kiosk Installation** – Scott stated the Eagle Scout is currently working on the project. He has also reached out to Modern Builders to review the design concept. They made some minor changes to the roof line for snow bearing purposes. Scott stated the last weekend in October the scout will be constructing the kiosk and committee members are welcomed to join in. If interested Scott could provide details.

Brad Conklin reported that additional future Eagle Scouts are interested in working with the Town on other projects. He suggested a potential project list could be compiled.

Scott said he is looking for ideas that could be utilized in the kiosk. Marne' Bruner suggested a possible nature adventure using the park and Chad suggested biking routes within the community. Scott noted he would reach out to the North Central Regional Planning Commission for ideas and plans.

**Update on Disc Golf Course near Sunrise Drive, Village of Rothschild** – Jerry Muehlbrauer has been going back and forth with Dan Knoblock with the Village of Rothschild on the project. Mr. Knoblock indicated due to the budget season things are on hold. Scott expressed frustration in the response as the matter at hand is, is the site currently zoned for this request.

**Update on Rookery Park – Stewardship Grant Application** – Mr. Turner stated he received word from MSA that the Town was not awarded any funding. However; the Town's request was 6<sup>th</sup> from the top and a vast improvement from the last application. Chairman Bursaw asked if aerial photos could be made available to map out a trail/path from Rookery Park to Rib Mountain Dr. Chad stated he would like to review the ranking process to see how the Town was ranked in each question and potentially provide additional enhancements to the lower ranking questions.

**Meeting Procedures and Rules of Order** – Scott stated he reached out to the Towns Association for procedures and rules of order and didn't really get much feed back. Staff did locate some information today however; most of it pertained to public hearings. Chad informed the committee he had found a site that offered information on open meetings.

**Discussion – Liberty Park – Parking Lot Posts** – Committee member Andrea Larson questioned why Liberty Park had creosoted posts along their parking area. She also noted that the posts are an eye sore. Street Superintendent Turner researched and found the intent was to prevent parking on the lawn. He also noted at one time a cable was strung between each post. He noted many of the posts have rotted and they will be removed in spring.

**Park Project List – Review and Discussion** – Brad Conklin noted that he continues to update the spreadsheet. Some items of discussion were leaving the Travel Center culvert request on (should be addressed by spring), an open shelter and grilling opportunities at Doepke Park. There is still an interest in a cigarette ash tray to be installed at Doepke.

**Financial Statement** – Scott noted the budget season is coming to an end.

**Reports from Commission Members** – Chairman Bursaw would like to get the terms of members and hold elections for chairman and vice chairman. He informed members there would be no opportunity to install a disc golf course at the state park. Apparently other state parks have tried this endeavor only to have them removed due to unwarranted activates. Scott Turner said he has contacted by Rib Mountain Elementary School representatives about the construction of phase II for new playground equipment. The consensus of the group was to have the Town Board address this request.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Larson/Bruner to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Questioned and carried 6:0.

Submitted by  
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk