

Rib Mountain Park Commission
December 8, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw Jerry Muehlbrauer, Chad Grundemann, Andrea Larson and Marne Bruner. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter was also present. Liesle Markevitch was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Grundemann/Bruner to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 minutes with the noted discussion of working with UWSP in sign development. Questioned and carried 6:0.

Streets and Park Report – None

Request for use at Rookery Park – Wausau Optimist Youth Fishery, February 14, 2016 – Tom with the Wausau Optimist presented the Youth Fishery program to members. It will be held February 14, 2016 on Lake Wausau from Noon to 3:00pm. The Event is free to children under 17 with door prizes and awards for the largest fish caught. Motion by Bursaw/ Larson to approve the Wausau Optimist Youth Fishery to be held February 14, 2016 on Lake Wausau. Questioned and carried 6:0.

Review and Discussion – Doepke Park Kiosk Maps – Committee members reviewed the final draft for the kiosk map at Doepke Park. Additional ideas that members thought should be incorporated included state and county parks within the Town limits, restrooms, water, kayak launch at Rookery Park and some minor tweaks to the legend. Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden also provided written suggestions: listing the SAFER station, Bone and Joint trail link and Granite Peak Ski Area at Rib Mountain State Park.

Members discussed the maintenance of the kiosk and future ones and the deration before additions are made to the mapping. They noted this winter would be the time to decide which park should receive the next kiosk.

Review and Discussion – Town Website General Park Updates – Chairman Conklin stated the Town has started to revamp its website. It has provided a link to the parks. He asked committee members to help develop narratives for each park to be included on the website. This item will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Review and Discussion – Disc Golf Concept – Domtar, Village of Rothschild – Jerry said he had spoken with representatives from Domtar and the Village of Rothschild regarding the disc golf concept and the possible usage of Domtar property. Village reps suggested using the southern portion which is less buildable property. Members discussed pursuing this endeavor further and realize further development is in the hand of Domtar and Rothschild. The Committee was in agreement to forward a letter of support when the time arises.

Review and Discussion – Park Project List – Chairman Conklin stated the only update would be the added Christmas decorations at Doepke Park this year. Committee members tossed around the idea of planting a couple of evergreens which could have lights on them in the future.

Financial Statement – Member expressed their desire to have financials available that would allow them to review the revenue generated from Doepke rentals and parkland fees versus expenses.

Reports from Commission Members – Andrea Larson noted that a member from the MPO gave a presentation on the regional trail system and would be providing a map with bike racks in the community. Bill Bursaw noted that Plan Commission recently held a hearing to pertaining future development on the Hall property.

Adjournment – Motion by Bursaw/Larson to adjourn at 6:38p.m. Questioned and carried 6:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk