

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**January 12, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 minutes with the noted items to be incorporated: request pictures on the Town's website and Liberty Park as the next park for a kiosk. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

**Streets and Park Report** – Street Superintendent Turner noted the ice ricks officially opened last Thursday. The ice itself is in fair condition. Committee members discussed options available for skaters wanting to learn how to skate. He is currently working on a grant application with the Bike/Ped Committee for the Trillium trail. The application is due by the end of January. A lake access marker has been installed on Teal Avenue. It was brought to the attention of a committee member the south side of Bluegill Bay Park parking area has not been properly plowed as in past seasons.

**Summer Rec Program – Staffing, Program Dates and Fees** – Becky Paul, Summer Playground Director noted she has received the resignation of Julie Hanson due to family health issues. She stated she would like to start actively advertising for the position. She requested feedback from commission members on the duration of the playground program; should it remain at eight weeks or be dropped to six, noting the enrollment attendance drops the last two weeks of the program. Becky believes the drop in attendance is related to the Wausau Summer School program ending and families beginning their vacations. **Motion by Grundemann/Bruner to recommend hiring for the vacate staff position and proceed with the planning continuance of the summer program as status quo. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

**Review and Discussion – Doepke Park Kiosk Map** – Scott presented the finished kiosk map. Sun Printing provided the final product on vinyl quality paper. Commission members were very pleased.

**Review and Discussion – Park Kiosk Plan 2016** – Chad stated he has received word the Boy Scouts are eager to continue with projects through the Park

Commission such as the kiosks. Bill will be meeting the local Samoset representative Chris Fisher; he will ask if there are any Eagle Scout candidates.

Members discussed the size and location for the next kiosk construction. **Motion by Bruner/Bursaw to proceed in the construction of a 4' x 4' kiosk at Liberty Park. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

**Review and Discussion – Town Website General Parks Update** – Chad and Marne' continue work on write-ups and should something available at the next meeting for review.

**Review and Discussion – Disc Golf Concept – Domtar, Village of Rothschild** – Jerry Muehlbauer stated Rothschild and Domtar are still very interested in the disk golf project. Brad and Jerry walked the property recently with a disk golf representative who stated the location is better than expected and potentially could offer an 18 hole course. The members agreed when the time was appropriate a letter of support should be sent.

**Review and Discuss – Potential Kayak Launch at Rookery Park 2016** – Scott Turner and Supervisor Gerry Klein walked Rookery View Park to locate a potential kayak launch site. It was suggested an area on the east side. Commission member Bruner expressed caution in that location site. She noted the bird watchers club uses the area and would prefer to keep the site as natural as possible.

Commission members reviewed the site map provided and discussed other possible sites within the park to meet the kayakers needs. Chad asked the commission members if they would entertain the idea of the kayak club establishing the launching pad with the determined site. Members were receptive to the proposal. Chad stated he reached out to the local kayak club.

**Review and Discussion – Park Project List** – Chairman Conklin had no additional updates. He asked members to inform him of changes or ideas. Members again, asked Scott about obtaining some grills at Doepke Park. Scott will work with Bill Bursaw on acquiring grills.

**Financial Statement** – Chad Grundemann thanked staff for the revised financial statement report.

**Reports from Commission Members** – Bill Bursaw received an email from the Steven Point professor on wayside exhibit signage. Brad stated he spoke with Scott pertaining to some exposed culverts by the Doepke Park sledding hill.

Adjournment – Motion by Bursaw/Larson to adjourn at 6:22p.m. Questioned and carried 7:0.

Submitted by  
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk