

Rib Mountain Park Commission
March 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larson/Bruner to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting with the inclusion to be noted that the proposed future dog park site would require a zone change. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Summer Recreation:

New Hire – Summer Program Director Becky Paul stated she had received only one applicate for the vacate Activities Assistant position. She interviewed applicate Jorie Meyer, who is UW LaCrosse student majoring in Biology and recommends hiring Jorie for the Activities Assistant. Becky also suggested posting any future vacancies in other medias to attract more applicants. **Motion by Bruner/Bursaw approve the hiring of Jorie Meyer as an Activities Assistant. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Brochure – Ms. Paul noted per directive, the Summer Program will run for eight weeks. She informed the Committee she has changed the field day activities. Fridays will now be only pool days from 11-2. She noted it was difficult for parents to transport kids because of scheduled times and she was finding it problematic to find venues to accommodate the number of children attending. **Motion by Bursaw/Larson to approve the 2016 Summer Program Brochure. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Streets and Park Report – Street Superintendent Turner informed the Committee the Public Works department is in the process of purchasing new soccer nets at Doepke Park. The department is no longer able to mend the nets. The shelter roof at Liberty Park is in need of a new roof and shingling. The boardwalk on the 51/39 is in need of some work, due to the fluctuating wetland areas. Scott is in talks with t Rib Mountain Greenhouse for late spring planting. He will contact Marne' as time approaches for planting.

Eagle Scout Projects – Liberty Park and Rookery Park Kiosks – Chairman Conklin stated he has been in contact with Scout Master, Tony, who has a scout interested in constructing a kiosk at Liberty Park. The scout would need to

complete the project before the end of May due to another commitment. The Scout Master will also be contacting Modern Builders regarding cost estimates for the kiosk construction at Liberty Park. The Committee would like to erect a kiosk at Rookery View Park this year and agreed the kiosk should be the same size as the one at Doepke Park. Scott mentioned it might be a possibility that construction costs could be taken from Tourism Funding. Brad Conklin stated that Bill's Musky Club is interested in working with the Town on park projects that are associated near the water and funding is available through the club.

Old Business:

Rookery Park Improvements – Kayak Launch, Perimeter Trail – No update available at this time.

Dog Park – Funding, Possible Location – Scott Turner noted Town Board Supervisor Jerry Klein is overseeing the project. The biggest hurdle is finding funding for fencing and maybe a wall barrier.

Disc Golf Concept – Domtar, Village of Rothschild Update – Jerry Muehlbrauer stated he recently meet with representatives from Domtar and the Village of Rothschild. All party appear to support the project. The legal department at Domtar's corporate office will be reviewing the request.

Interpretive Media Project – Doepke Nature Trail – Bill Bursaw provided in the packet vision statements by the UW Stevens Point Interpretive Media students. This year, two groups of students are participating with the program. The submitted statements reflect the research on their vision to achieve their end goal. The biggest education for the students will be on wetland mitigation. Bill stated by the May meeting the students will have their media projects available for review.

Park Project List – Review and Discussion – Chairman Conklin noted no new updates have been incorporated. He noted the Town's website has been updated with the help of Chad Grundemann. Committee members complemented Chad on a great job. He asked about the status on the tunnel crossing by Dicks Sporting Goods. Mr. Turner stated the Town will be meeting with perspective parties on March 16th.

Financial Statement – Reviewed. Scott noted that the Town has increased parkland fees for new homes and duplexes.

Reports from Commission Members – Chairman Conklin will be emailing to Committee members a link to the Ghidorzi spring clean-up. April 23rd is the scheduled date.

Adjournment – Motion by Bursaw/Larson to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk