

Rib Mountain Park Commission
December 13, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, Marne' Bruner, Chad Grundemann and Andrea Larson. Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter were also present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larson/ Bruner to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting Questioned and carried.

APPROVAL OF ROOKERY PARK USE – WAUSAU NOON OPTIMIST YOUTH FISHEREE – Tom with the Wausau Noon Optimist presented the plans for their annual fisheree to be held February 12, 2017. He stated they had 179 kids participate at last year's event. **Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to approve the February 12, 2017 Wausau Noon Optimist Youth Fisheree. Questioned and carried.**

STREET & PARK REPORT – Street Superintendent Turner stated the tennis court will be resurfaced in the spring due to the excess moisture in the ground. A couple of trees have been planted at Doepke Park. The Town was not awarded ACT funding for tree planting for next year. Scott stated he would reapply again in 2017. The Town was awarded a grant for the emerald ash borer. Ice skating rinks will start to be prepped this week, with an opening date of December 23rd. New hockey nets have been purchased. They have an extended life expectancy. Gravel was added to the fitness trail at Dopeke Park. The Town also received a unique donation from Downtown Grocery. They have donated an old painting of the ski hill. Due to the fire they experienced, Scott stated he has taken the picture to the Leigh Yawkey Museum for possible restoration.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – Chairman Conklin asked members if they had reviewed the letters provided by the candidates. Members discussed each individual's attributes. **Motion by Grundemann/ Bursaw to recommend their first-choice appointment of Dana R Laher and second choice of Paula Inger to the Rib Mountain Park Commission. Questioned and carried.**

ROOKERY PARK KIOSK MAP DRAFT LAYOUT – Scott Turner provided mapping for the Rookery View kiosk and asked Committee members to review and make necessary correction/additions. Some of the suggested changes included: trimming down or scaling back the water area, parking area, highlight the park and rookery areas, remove the buildings or subdue the coloring for less confusion, note the viewing and fishing areas, list the biking route and enhancing the map. Chad suggested in the meantime to install a map in the kiosk while the changes are being made to the corrected map.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Potential Eagle Scout Projects – No updates.
- B. Domtar Disc Golf – The Town recently met with Rothschild representatives and discussed details for the course's long term maintenance. The communities will be meet again in early January to work out the details.
- C. Doepke Park – Grill Station – No update.

- D. Kayak Launch – Grant Application – No updates.
- E. Emerald Ash Borer Planning – Grant Application – The Town was awarded a grant and will begin working on this project in the spring.
- F. Nature Trail Signs- Wal-Mart Grant Award – The received a \$2500 grant for signage. Scott noted the museum uses a company out of Mosinee for their signs which appear to be of good quality. Bill Bursaw provided a sample sign from Fossil Graphics. Committee members concurred this sample had great graphics and construction materials and recommended going the project be prepared by Fossil Graphics. Bill also has a name of a graphic artist in Stevens Point as point of contact. Bursaw offered to work on this project.

PARK PROJECT LIST – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION –Chairman Conklin will put together a re-cap of projects completed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Reviewed year end expenses.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Bill Bursaw noted the Department of Natural Resources is going through a major realignment of positions that will change positions of staffing and responsibilities. Bill also asked if Committee members have any thoughts on offering recreational opportunities ie; broomball, basketball tournaments. Andrea Larson suggested the Committee revisit the Park's five-year plan and survey for missed recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Larson, seconded by Bursaw to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Questioned and carried.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk