

Rib Mountain Park Commission
March 14, 2017
Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larson/Muehlbauer to approve the corrected minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting to read Havenwoods State Forest. Questioned and carried.

STREET & PARK REPORT – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated the Doepke grill has arrived and will be installed at a later date. He also suggested added another picnic table by the grills. There was some discussion on the possibility of elementary students helping out with a designed picnic table. The Trillium Trail RPFs were due today.

RECOMMENDATION FOR SUMMER RECREATION POSITION – Scott stated the Town has received one application for the position. Emily is familiar with Jennifer Rahn. There was some discussion on Jennifer's pay request and/or should the Committee continue to seek additional applicants. Laher recommended offering the position to Jennifer, should she decline, continue seeking until the position is filled. **Motion by Bruner/Larson recommend approval of hiring Jennifer Rahn for the Summer Recreation Assistant. Questioned and carried.**

GHIDORZI GREEN AND CLEAN DISCUSSION – Scott stated that Brad asked him to remind members of the clean-up which will be held on April 22nd. An article will be featured in the Town Beat.

ROOKERY PARK KIOSK MAP DESIGN – Park Superintendent Turner provided one more rendition of the Rookery kiosk map and asked Committee members to review and make any additional changes. Members suggested increasing the font size and highlight the bird names. The members noted after these revisions, the map would not need to be brought back to the group.

OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – Bill Bursaw asked the Committee what their thoughts would be on potential community sponsored events. He stated besides hosting the event it can bring awareness to the community or the local parks. Andrea made the suggestion of brainstorming for unique event ideas and what type of staffing would be required to hold such events. Scott Turner stated that it would be very unlikely that the municipal staff would have the time to get involved. Laher and Larson will reach out to the Visitor Bureau and Chamber of Commerce for possible event ideas and financial requirements.

DOEPKE PARK KIOSK BACKBOARD DISCUSSION – Scott stated the road crew had made a suggestion of incorporating the Town's logo and statement on the backside of the kiosk for enhancement purposes. It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Dog Park Planning – The Town is moving forward with the project. It will be located adjacent from CoVanatge Credit Union. Town is presently obtaining the necessary easements. The project comes with about a \$100,000 price tag. The Town will be searching out grant funding.
- B. Doepke Trail Signs – No updates.
- C. Potential Eagle Scout Projects - No updates
- D. Domtar Disc Golf – The proposal may be falling apart. The Village of Rothschild’s attorney is opposing the legal requestsby Domtar’s attorneys.
- E. Kayak Launch – Grant Application – No updates.
- F. Emerald Ash Borer Planning – Spring 2017 – Scott stated the ash trees will be identified on Town property in the coming months and will devise plan whether to save the trees vs cost of saving the trees.

PARK PROJECT LIST – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION – Vice Chairman Bursaw stated the State and Town have extended the Doepke Trail agreement to fifteen years. The Town has signed off and is awaiting signatures at the state level.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Reviewed.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Bill Bursaw stated he is working Badger State Representatives for time trials for a bicycling event to be held at the State Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Grundemann/Larson to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Questioned and carried.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk