

Rib Mountain Park Commission  
August 8, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Grundemann/Muehlbauer to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting. Questioned and carried.**

**APPROVAL OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – VETERANS MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENT –**

Future Eagle Scout, Taylor Halvorsen from Troop 462 introduced himself to the Committee. He distributed his proposed 3-D project to the Committee members. The current location is on the north side of the Rib Mountain Municipal Center. The two existing maple trees will be removed for better exposure of the monument. Taylor is presently trying to secure medallion donations for representation of all military units. The river rock design will be reformatted to a kidney bean shape. He will have a flag pole installed with lighting being installed by the Town. He will also work with Marne' Bruner for plantings and may purchase some additional bushes. His projected completion date is set for September 15, 2017. **Motion by Larson/Muehlbauer to approve Taylor Halvorson's Eagle Scout project as presented. Questioned and carried.**

**STREET & PARK REPORT –** Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported Chellis Park has been sprayed for ground bees this year. Doepke Park recently held a large St Jude event and the Town received no negative complaints. Scott stated he researched various dealers for rubber mulch for the playground at Doepke Park and purchased the product just across the Illinois boarder for \$2070 for 6 tons, which will provide the Town with extra material. The Town is working with ATC and Army Corp of Engineers for alignment of the Trillium trail. The Town is still working with the County on moisture issues in the 51/39 tunnel.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR VIDEO MARKETING FOR TOWN PARKS –**

Andrea Larson stated she made an initial contact but has not followed through, will follow-up. She asked members what platforms they would like to see the video used for, beside the website.

**APPROVAL OF DOEPKE SHELTER RENTAL FOR CRAFT FAIR –** Town staff had received a request for rental of Doepke Park for a craft show, but according to guideline established at the Park Commission such events must receive the Commission's approval. Vice Chairman Bursaw suggested at another Park meeting, the Committee review policies and procedures. **Motion by Larson/Muehlbauer to approve the Doepke Shelter Rental for a Craft Sale. Questioned and carried.**

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMNDATION – HAND CRAFTED METAL SCULPTURES –** This item was tabled.

**DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE DISC GOLF COURSE LOCATION** – Jerry Muehlbauer stated a group of interested party members recently met and decide to nix the project. There were too many issues with insurance coverage and legal opinions. It was the groups consensus to continue to pursue another location.

**REVIEW OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN** – No updates.

**DISCUSSION ON 2018 BUDGET AND 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN** – Park Superintendent Turner asked Committee members for their thoughts on future items/needs for the parks. Their brainstorming ideas included a drinking water fountain at the new dog park, and resurfacing of the Town's tennis courts. After some discussion, the groups thought a possible beginners disc golf course could be installed at Liberty Park or at the South Mountain School soccer fields. Turner thought \$10,000 would cover a three-hole course.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. Dog Park Planning – Scott Turner stated the Marathon County will be transferring the land to the Town in the next couple of weeks and fundraising is under way.
- B. Domtar Disk Golf – Discussed earlier
- C. Grill Stations – The crew hopes to have them installed prior to school starting.
- D. Emerald Ash Borer Planning – Spring 2017 – GIS has located 62 ash trees on Town property.
- E. Nature Trail Signs – Bill Bursaw stated he spoke with Beth and currently working on the Town's logo.

**PARK PROJECT LIST – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION** – No updates.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – Scott included the expense report and noted the summer recreation program was finished last week.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** –Jerry Muehlbauer expressed concern about people exercising their dogs off lease at Doepke Park and should the Town be patrolling this matter Scott explained the Town does not have staff available for these issues.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Larson/Muehlbauer to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Questioned and carried.**

Submitted by  
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk