

Rib Mountain Park Commission  
September 12, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Larson to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting with the noted corrections. Questioned and carried.**

**STREET & PARK REPORT** – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported concrete pads have been poured and grilles have been installed at Liberty and Doepke Parks. Rentals for the month of August have been substantial. Chellis Park has been sprayed twice for ground bees. He has received a complaint about the rubber mulch at Doepke along with the odor. He contacted Lee Recreation and was informed the product does not cause harmful effects. Also, the toilet was repaired at Doepke Park. Turner noted that Wausau Youth Baseball removed existing sod, enhanced the grading of the baseball field and re-sodded the field.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR VIDEO MARKETING FOR TOWN PARKS** – Andrea Larson spoke with Lemmens Creative Design who could do a promotional video for as low as \$200. She also contacted the Wausau Convention Bureau who would be interested in partnering with the Town. The members discussed what the focus of the contents should be in the video feature. It should show case the best of the best with the featured parks. It was determined to highlight both Rookery and Doepke Parks.

Committee members deliberated on the intent of the video such as; should all parks in the community be emphasized versus just the Town's; highlighting the trail system as examples. **Motion by Bursaw/Laher to proceed with discussing the proposal with Administrator Rhoden to promote Rookery and Doepke Parks and spending up to \$550. Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to rescind the previous motion. Questioned and carried. Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to proceed with discussing the proposal with Administrator Rhoden to promote Rookery and Doepke Parks for a promotional video not to exceed \$1000. Questioned and carried.**

**DISCUSSION ON HAND CRAFTED METAL SCULPTURES** – Marne' met with sculptor Herb Johnson this past weekend and he viewed Rookery Park. He walked the area and took measurements. His original thought would be seven possible interactive sculptures. Ms. Bruner described some of his ideas. He has worked with municipalities and understands the project could be broken down by pieces over several years. Members also discussed the need to open the project up to other sculptors by the bidding process.

**DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE DISC GOLF COURSE LOCATION AT LIBERTY PARK** – Chad distributed a scaled out 9-hole course site for Liberty Park. Members discussed other possible sites but decided to proceed with the Liberty site. Scott Turner pointed out the Committee would need to follow the appropriate method with this project by starting with the Plan Commission. Scott also presented an example ordinance for Active Outdoor Public Recreation intent. Bursaw questioned if the committee should proceed because of the new course at NTC and others in the area.

Street Superintendent Turner pointed out the required funding that would be essential for this request. The Town is currently trying to fundraise for the dog park and wouldn't want to compete with that venture. The Committee suggested soliciting local businesses for hole sponsorships.

**UPDATE ON LIBERTY PARK TENNIS COURT CRACK FILLING** – Turner informed the Committee he met with Valley Sealcoat on the Armor Flex product for the tennis court repairs. It has been determined this product is causing the court's green surface to delaminate. Scott will pursue having the cracks seal coated and repainted. Bruner expressed frustration with the company in not knowing their product would cause the delaminating of the court surface.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. Dog Park Planning – Scott Turner stated this past weekend a dog walk fundraiser was held. Not as well attended as expected.
  - B. Emerald Ash Borer Planning – Spring 2017 – 62 ash trees have been identified on Town property, three at Liberty Park.
  - C. Doepke Nature Trail Signs – Bill Bursaw noted after reviewing the students' finalized project, there were 3 to 4 messages included. He decided to go with one message per sign. Grundemann suggested adding the Town of Rib Mountain in white letter by the Town's logo. Bill will work with Turner on the final sign.
- Motion by Grundemann/ Bruner to proceed with the presented signage design with the noted minor changes. Questioned and carried.**

**PARK PROJECT LIST – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION** – Chairman Conklin stated the list has been updated and noted there are very few items that remain open.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – Street Superintendent Turner noted park maintenance and park contractual services were over budgeted. A question arose why funding was taken from the park budget to repair the fence damage on Lilac Ave since this is not a park related item.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** – Larson noted graffiti on the Wisconsin River Bridge.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Conklin to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Questioned and carried.**

Submitted by  
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk