

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**February 13, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Conklin to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018. Questioned and carried.**

**STREET & PARK REPORT** – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported Doepke skating area has seen good turnout. The Wausau Optimist Youth Fisheree event at Rookery View was held this past weekend. It was well attended. Due to a potential safety hazard, Van Ert Electric ran new conduit on the poles for the rink lights. They also installed new motion sensors and repaired the exhaust fans in the bathrooms at Doepke Park. Projected cost was \$2,690. The Public Works Crew also painted mens bathroom stall dividers.

**ELECTIONS: Chairman and Vice Chairman – Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to table the elections. Questioned and carried.**

**Video Marketing of Town Parks Discussion** – Commission members previewed the final marketing videos for Rookery View and Doepke Parks. Members were in consensus; the font change was a substantial improvement versus using the Town's logo. **Motion by Grundemann/Conklin to proceed with the posting of the videos to the Town's website. Questioned and carried.**

**Recreational Boating Grants 2019** – Park Superintendent Turner noted Bill Bursaw had provided him with information for a cost share grant through the DNR for boating structures. The funding is a 50/50 cost share. Should the Commission proceed in the future with a kayak/boat launch the Town could apply for this funding source.

**Request for Sellers Permit at Doepke Shelter** – Turner provided background information on this request. An applicant had rented Doepke Park last November and hosted a small craft show. While the Town did not receive any complaints, questions have been asked should the Town to renting to vendors for such events. Commission members discussed if the Town/Park had a policy and/or should the number of events per year be limited. **Motion by Lahar/Muehlbauer to review the applications on a case by case basis. Questioned and carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Scavenger Hunt Discussion** – Park Commissioners questioned why the event name was changed. Chairman Conklin apprised members that Texas Roadhouse would not be inclined to donate if the event name changed.

Chad suggested that business logos should be incorporated into the flyer. He recommended using color paper. Dana stated she has a contact at one of the local TV stations who might be able to provide some highlights of the event. Members compiled a spreadsheet of donations received and who would be contacting the entities for donations. At next month's meeting, members will determine where eggs will be hidden.

**Dog Park Planning** – Street/Park Superintendent Turner is finalizing the park’s fencing plan. The goal is break ground sometime this summer.

**Emerald Ash Borer Planning** – No updates to report.

**Urban Forestry Grant – Tree Planting** – The Town received a \$5,000 tree planting grant. Five hundred (500) saplings have been ordered for planting locations. Park Superintendent Turner met with DNR officials to review the Town’s planting plan.

**PARK PROJECT LIST** - Reviewed and discussed

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – Reviewed and discussed

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** – The Green and Clean event is approaching. The Committee is hoping the Ghidorzi Group will be corporate sponsor. The Rib Mountain Lions Club has offered to build a shelter on the Trillium Trail. Scott will review the area for best location.

Emily will be returning as Summer Playground Director. She is seeking three helpers for the program. Wausau will be holding a teen job fair on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2 pm at the Boys and Girls Club. A suggestion was made to advertise for summer recreation help. Town is also seeking summer mowers.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to adjourn.**

Submitted by  
Jerry Muehbauer  
Michelle Peter, Clerk