

Rib Mountain Park Commission
April 10, 2018
Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to approve the minutes of the March 13 and March 20, 2018 meetings. Questioned and carried.

STREET & PARK REPORT – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated the department is waiting for the weather to be more cooperative.

Discussion of request for Accessory Buildings at Town Parks – Turner reported he has been contacted by the Rib Mountain Lions Club regarding the construction of an accessory shed/building at one of the local parks. The shed/building main purpose would be for the storage of their equipment. Park Superintendent Turner indicated this might be an opportunity if approved, a kick-back from the club could be a means of a funding source for a future project at a local park. Bill Bursaw felt this request was channeled by the club to avoid purchasing a parcel of land for their own use. He expressed accessory buildings do not belong in the Town's parks.

Chad Grundemann stated this was not a use of park property. He noted other park uses have been denied in the past that were reflective of an actual park usage. Commission members discussed the long-term use and benefits if allowed. Marne' Bruner suggested the Lions Club reach out to the Wausau School District with regards to the vacant soccer field at South Mountain School. **Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to not pursue the Rib Mountain Lions Club request as presented for it does not serve our parks. Questioned and carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Easter Egg Hunt Discussion – The Commission was in agreement the hunt was a success. It did what their intent was, to get families and community into the Rib Mountain Park system. The Commission would like to hold the event again next year. Some suggestions or improvements included:

- hiding eggs in the afternoon
- more presence on social media
- thanks to businesses prior to the event
- additional eggs with just coupons
- eggs to be hidden during the week / avoid the weekend
- do the event during spring break

Turner provided a draft “thank you” verbiage to be sent to the donors. He will have the office assistant submit the cards.

Dog Park Planning – Street/Park Superintendent Turner said he is in the final phases of the fencing plan. Andrea Larson asked if the Park Commission would have time to review the plan prior to implementation. Turner said he would email plans to members for input.

Emerald Ash Borer Planning – No updates to report.

Urban Forestry Grant – Tree Planting – Turners reported he is finalizing the tree planting plan which he would present at the next meeting. Marne’ Bruner asked if she could work with Scott in the tree selection.

PARK PROJECT LIST – Chairman Conklin stated he has consolidated the list.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Reviewed

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Andrea Larson asked if the Park videos were being viewed. She offered to create a Wikipedia article on the Town parks. Chairman Conklin reported he was happy with the number Facebook followers during the egg hunt.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Questioned and carried.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Clerk