

Rib Mountain Park Commission
May 8, 2018
Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Grundemann/Bursaw to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting. Questioned and carried.

STREET & PARK REPORT – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported grilles have been installed at the parks and are being used. The kiosk at Rookery View Park was knocked down during the last snowfall. The soccer and tennis nets have been installed. The tennis courts still need to be resurfaced. The geese have returned by Doepke Park. Presently not causing any issue, but time circumstances could change once the eggs have hatched. Scott will inspect the asphalt cracks on the river trail. Flowering crab trees and willows are being considered as tree plantings at Doepke Park. The backboard at Liberty park have been painted and installed for the season.

Discussion and Recommendation for Amendment for Doepke Park Use Agreement for Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball – John Halstad and Jay Whitman representatives with WYB&S addressed the Park Commission members with their proposal. They have allocated money for projects for diamond 2 enhancements at Doepke Park and are waiting for approvals from the Town on direction before they proceed. New fencing around the dug-outs on diamond 2 should be installed this week. They are seeking quotes from vendors on the 50-60 foot removable fencing which is located by the sledding hill.

The representatives stated the Rib Mountain Town Board turned down their request to add removable green and white banners on diamond 1.

They are also seeking an extension at Doepke during baseball season by one week to allow for the All-Star Tournament for 10-12-year olds. The request is made in part for the fact it reduces travel time for players and keeps more money in the Wausau area. Sunnyvale ball diamond will be used for overflow play. It was pointed out that diamond 2 does not meet tournament standards because the infield is dirt versus grass. They are seeking to upgrade diamond 2, same standards as diamond 1. They will also be adding lights, a concession stand and possible irrigation. The gentlemen stated that diamond 2 would remain unlocked for pick-up games during non-scheduled events. Signage will be posted on the backstop stating league play has priority over games.

The Youth Baseball Park Use Agreement was amended in 2012 to allow for tournaments. The association will be hosting a tournament in 2019. In past years, this event was handled by Wausau Noon Optimist. They pointed out normal league play occurs Monday through Thursday starting May 1st. The shelter itself is available for rental for rent daily and on weekends until tournament time. WYB&S only would need the shelter when hosting dinners during tournament's. **Motion by Grundemann/Bursaw to add the last weekend in June (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) for Wausau Youth Baseball tournaments starting in 2019. Questioned and carried.**

Motion by Lahar/Bursaw to increase Wausau Youth Baseball fees from \$100 to \$200 per week during tournament play, starting in 2019. Questioned and carried.

Motion by Bruner/Lahar approve the improvements on diamond 2 as long as it remains available for public use during non-scheduled games. Questioned and carried.

Discussion and Recommendation for Town of Rib Mountain Spring Clean-up - The Ghidorzi Spring clean-up was cancelled because of the large snowfall. It has been suggested to seek volunteers to clean-up the ramp areas in the township. Areas of suggestion include Highway N and Martin Avenue near the State Patrol and Briq's

Discussion on possible Eagle Scout Projects – Commission members currently have no recommendations. It was suggested that Eagle Scout candidates propose ideas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Park Planning – Street/Park Superintendent Turner said the fencing design has been approved. It was recommended by the Town Board to maximize the parking lot size. Covantage is will to allow parking, but only after hours. The Planning Commission is requiring a cable be installed at the parking lot, so the lot can be closed off during times when the retention ponds are full.

Emerald Ash Borer Planning – No updates to report.

Urban Forestry Grant – Tree Planting – No updates.

PARK PROJECT LIST – None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – No updates

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to adjourn. Questioned and carried.

Submitted by
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