

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**August 14, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018. Questioned and carried.**

**STREET & PARK REPORT** – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported the transient individual is still present on the 51/39 trail by Wal-Mart. Kocourek has complete the shelter. A Fix-It Station will be installed in the near future. Street/Park Superintendent also stated a concrete picnic table at Doepke Park was vandalized beyond repair and has been reordered. Cost is \$900. The Chellis Park sign has been vandalized and will need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$3,000.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PARK HOURS AND STREET LIGHT AT CHELLIS PARK** – Two Town residents have requested Chellis Park be closed after dark due to suspected illegal drug activities in the parking lot after dark. As an alternative, a street light could be installed in the parking lot. Scott will investigate the cost to run power and the installation of a light. **Motion by Grundemann/Bursaw to postpone the street light decision unit Scott obtains a cost estimate. Questioned and carried.**

Kronenwetter parks are closed at dusk. Residents have asked for longer hours at the Kronenwetter Dog Park. Rib Mountain State Park hours are 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. The Commission hopes the issues at Chellis Park are temporary and will be resolved on their own. **Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to leave park hours from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Questioned and carried.**

**REQUEST FOR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY AT TOWN PARKS** – Jim Campbell a member of the Wausau Rotary Club made the library box and would like it installed at Doepke Park. The question was asked if the Park Commission could approve it. The thought was to install the library box near the kiosk and the Public Works Department would maintain it. The Free Library will need to be monitored to ensure inappropriate material is not left inside. **Motion by Bruner/Lahar to install the Free Library Box at Doepke Park. Questioned and carried.**

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS** – It was noted that Supervisor Klein is in favor of disk golf. Passive versus active use zoning has been addressed at Town Parks. Scott will need to confirm. Grant money will be needed for the course. Community Foundation may be able to assist. Need to request for funding now before Town budget is proposed and passed. Too extensive for an Eagle Scout project per Bursaw and Turner. **Motion by Bruner/Larson to move forward for funding of a disk golf course at Liberty Park. Questioned and carried.**

Tennis courts were power washed. Lots of cracks on the courts at Liberty. Scott will propose removal of tennis courts at South Mountain Elementary in 2019. Grill at Liberty is being used.

Rookery Park: Bruner stated the Birding Club has requested to add an elevated viewing platform at Rookery. People feeding the geese have caused the problems. Due to the having an excessive amount of geese at the park, it has been deemed unusable. An ordinance has been passed to prevent feeding of wild life in Town parks and property.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR WAUSAU YOUTH BASEBALL – DOEPKE PARK FENCE INSTALLATION** – Part of the fencing was supposed to be removable was installed as permanent. It will cost about \$1,200 to make the section removable. Estimate includes replacing the new 4-foot fence with a 5-foot-high fence to match the 5-foot fence on the outfield. The new section of fence along the third base side is four-foot tall and matches the existing third base side fencing. Park Commission clearly stated that all the new fencing must be removable including corner post to avoid safety problems during winter sledding. **Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to change all of the new fencing so it is removable at no cost to the Town of Rib Mountain per our agreement. Questioned and carried.**

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR FOOD TRUCK AT DOEPKE PARK – OCT 6, 2018** – St Jude’s fundraising group has requested permission for a food truck at Doepke Park during their October 6<sup>th</sup> event. Town zoning requires a license for vendors. **Motion by Grundemann/Bruner to allow for a food truck at Doepke Park on October 6, 2018 fundraising event for St Jude’s. Questioned and carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dog Park Planning** – Street/Park Superintendent Turner briefed members that construction is under way and the Public Works Department has done the majority of the work. Water fountain and dog spigot piping has been installed. Slabs and steps are being constructed. Donations continue to arrive. Seeding and compost are being added. Paving of parking lot will begin next week, with fencing to follow. Grand opening slated for the middle of September. During a recent Woodchucks game, a man with a trick performing dog entertained the fans during innings, maybe the Town could invite him for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Friends of the Dog Park will meet on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Urban Forestry Grant – Tree Planting** – Project is almost complete \$10,000 mostly paid by grant.

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

**PARK PROJECT LIST –**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT –**

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** – Pickle Ball at Chellis and Liberty Parks. Scott will check into cost of striping basketball courts for Pickle Ball. The Central Wisconsin Pickle Ball Association has petitioned Marathon County Park Department to add six more Pickle Ball courts at Marathon Park. They currently have three courts which are crowded during the weekends. The Bittersweet Pedestrian trail has been completed from Iris Lane to Bellflower Street.

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

Submitted by  
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