

**Rib Mountain Park Commission
September 11, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018. Questioned and carried.

STREET & PARK REPORT – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported the sign at Chellis Park has been replaced. The replacement cost was \$3,000. The feeding of geese has stopped at Rookery View Park. Chairman Conklin has requested grill brushes be installed by the grills.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR WAUSAU YOUTH BASEBALL – AMENDMENT TO PARK USE AGREEMENT – Jamie Schaefer and Jay Wittman of Wausau Youth Baseball (WYB) met with the Park Commission to discuss the Doepke Park removable fence on Diamond #2. WYB spent \$600 on this removable fencing. Security Fence Co will return to raise that section to 5 feet (due to their contract omission) and make the entire section a new removable section. The Public Works Department will remove and install the fence each season per Street/Park Superintendent Turner. **Motion by Grundemann/Muehlbauer to approve amendments to Wausau Youth Baseball agreement. WYB will add identifiers/plaques to each diamond stating diamond #1 is for WYB use and Diamond #2 is for public use except during WYB scheduled practices or games. Questioned and carried.**

UPDATE ON NO CAMPING IN PUBLIC AREAS AND NO FEEDING OF WILDLIFE ORDINANCES – Street/Park Superintendent Turner provided the ordinances for the Commission members review. There is an exception for overnight camping for large groups i.e. passing through bike groups, etc. A permit would be obtained through staff.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR PARK USE AGREEMENT – FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY RENEWAL – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated Faith Christian Academy's renewal application was submitted later than usual. They have changed in athletic directors. **Motion by Muehlbauer/Lahar to approve the park use agreement for Faith Christian Academy for the use of soccer field at Doepke Park. Questioned and carried.**

DISCUSSION GOT UPDATE TO THE 5 YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated he had received an email from North Central Regional Planning pertaining to the five-year outdoor recreation plan. The cost associated with updating could range from \$5,000 to \$6,000. Bill Bursaw asked what the fees would be for minor updates to the plan. Chad Grundemann inquired if another resident survey is required for updating purposes. Motion by Grundemann/Lahr recommended abbreviate the updates to the 5 Year Outdoor Recreation Plan without surveying residents if the regulations allow. Questioned and carried. Commission member Larson suggested adding items/projects to the plan that have been provided by the Park Commission.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR PICKLE BALL AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER – Commission members discussed the possibility of using the Rib Mountain Municipal Center parking lot Pickle Ball, since the parking lot is very little during the year. The exception would be during elections. Satya Akkina of the Greater Wausau Area Pickle Ball, courts should be crack free and flat to ensure good play. Street/Park Scott Turner will research the costs associated the request. **Motion by Bursaw/Lahar to table the request for further research. Questioned and carried.**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR STREET LIGHT AT CHELLIS PARK – It was reported adding a light will cost \$650 to install and \$300 per year to operate. Muehlbauer reported he has checked the park every day since August 15th and has found no outstanding issues. He noted he would continue to patrol the park. It was the consensus of members not to proceed with a street light.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR 2019 RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE – Clerk Michelle Peter stated the present fee schedule offers a \$25 cost break for town resident usage however, nonresidents are using residents' names for rental savings. This is causing reimbursement issues on who should actually receive the deposit payment. Commission members reviewed rental rates with the surrounding communities for comparisons. After some discussion members decided to eliminate the resident and non-resident fees. **Motion by Lahar/ Grundemann to establish one rental fee for the rental Doepke Park; rental rate of \$125 and \$75 deposit for residents and non-residents and a \$75 rental and \$75 deposit for non-profit groups effective January1, 2019. Questioned and carried.**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LARGE EVENTS AT DOPEKE PARK – Park Superintendent Turner informed the members that with the usage by larger groups/events is causing increased usage of bathrooms, garbage and clean-up issues. Turner also stated he has had to assist groups with the logistics for event. Commission members stated Marathon park and Nine Mile Forest shelter are designed for larger groups. The Committee also discussed limiting the group sizes to no more than 100. **Motion by Grundemann/Bursaw to have Scott Turner update the Doepke Shelter agreement to limit permitted group size to 100 or less and to present the update document to Park Commissioners before implementation. Questioned and carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Park Planning – Street/Park Superintendent Turner the park's grand opening will be held Friday September 21st at 9:00

Emerald Ash Borer Planning – No updates.

Liberty Park Updates - None

PARK PROJECT LIST – Chairman Conklin added the grill brushes to the list.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Expenses are in good standing

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – None

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

Submitted by
Jerry Muehlbauer and Clerk Michelle Peter