

**Rib Mountain Park Commission  
February 19, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, Dana Lahar, Andrea Larson, Chad Grundemann and Marne Bruner.

Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Town Clerk Joanne Ruechel, and Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bursaw/Larson to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019. Questioned and carried 6:0.**

**STREET & PARK REPORT**

- a. **Doepke Ice Rinks-** Superintendent Turner stated that the rinks opened on February 9 and are in good condition. The attendance at the rink is starting to increase.

The Wausau Noon Optimist Youth Fisheree at Rookery Park went well. The dog park is still very busy. There have been a few complaints along the way, but overall the dog park is a success. The donation box was installed at the dog park as a way of generating a little money for the dog park expenses. The Commission discussed who was responsible for cleaning off fire hydrants after the snowstorms. Superintendent Turner stated that typically the homeowner is responsible for cleaning off the hydrants.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF APPROVAL FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

**DIRECTOR-** Superintendent Turner stated that the summer recreation program director position was opened to everyone who worked for the program last summer. Administrator Rhoden and Superintendent Turner interviewed all three candidates. Christian Kiepke was hired for the position. Right now, they are trying to figure out when to start the program as schools need to make up snow days.

**DISCUSSION GHIDORZI GREEN AND CLEAN-** The spring clean up that is organized by the Ghidorzi Corporation is scheduled for April 27, 2019. Superintendent Turner will contact the Ghidorzi Corporation and offer extra bags and gloves if needed.

**DISCUSSION DONATION OF PARK LAND TO TOWN-** Administrator Rhoden stated that Dick Austin donated 19 acres of land behind the current dog park in hopes of expanding the dog park. Mr. Austin would also like some walking trails on the 19 acres. A wetland delineation will be done this spring.

**DISCUSSION POSSIBLE FUTURE PARK AT MUNICIPAL CENTER-** Superintendent Turner said that the Rib Mountain Lions Club is still interested in putting a garage up at the Municipal Center and also putting in a pocket park. The Club is currently looking at their budget and timeline. The garage would be approximately 1,500 square feet.

**DISCUSSION TOWN EASTER EGG HUNT-** The Commission discussed the Easter Egg Hunt that is coming up. Marne stated that she has already purchased the baskets. She also stated that the Ghidorzi Company is donating a one-night-stay at the Hilton Garden as the grand prize. The hunt will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned that the Commission members should start collecting donations soon. It was also brought up that we could put coupons inside of a couple of the eggs to have instant winners. The eggs will be hidden at five different parks this year including at the new dog park. Chad Grundmann will make up a flyer for the event.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS-** Superintendent Turner stated that he is requesting proposals for surveys to put in a lake access at Liberty Park. The Planning Commission and the Town Board support this initiative.

**CHELLIS PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-** Lee Recreation stopped by the park as requested to look at the older equipment. Superintendent Turner will be following up with them on what they would propose doing.

**DOEPKE SHELTER BACKSTOP, FENCE, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, GUTTERS –** Superintendent Turner stated that the new backstop, fencing, drinking fountains and gutters will be added in 2019.

**PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION-** Chairman Conklin said that everything has been updated on the project list.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT –** Superintendent Turner stated that there is no report.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS –** Bursaw stated that the walking trail on Park Road going up to top of Rib Mountain from Violet Lane is closed due to the snow.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lahar/Bursaw to adjourn. Questioned and carried 7:0.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.**

Submitted by  
Clerk Joanne Ruechel