

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**March 12, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**EXCUSED:** Dana Lahar

Also present were Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner and Town Clerk Joanne Ruechel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bursaw/Grundmann to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019. Questioned and carried 6:0.**

**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. The hunt will be held April 15th thru April 20th. Donation should be brought to the Municipal Center by the week of April 1st to April 5th. Marne Bruner said that she would contact Channel 9 to get media coverage for the event. Andrea Larson will contact City Pages and the Wausau Daily Herald to put something in the papers. The Town of Rib Mountain will be purchasing an additional night at the Hilton for the grand prize winner. Superintendent Turner will take care of updating the Town's Facebook page during the event.

**STREET & PARK REPORT-** Superintendent Turner is waiting until spring for repairs on the boardwalk that was damaged by a car accident. He also mentioned that he is looking to put up a fence on the west side of Bittersweet Trail. Area residents are concerned about users going off of the trail into the stormwater management pond that is located next to the trail. Superintendent Turner will be posting signs at Rookery park not to feed the wildlife. The Commission discussed changing the grass to be something that geese don't like to prevent them from gathering at the park. There will be a period of time that the dog park will be closed so that the park can be cleaned and maintained.

Marne Bruner left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE OF DRINKING FOUNTAINS AT DOEPKE SHELTER-** Superintendent Turner brought a detailed description of the fountains that he would like to purchase and put at the Doepke park shelter. The fountains are roughly \$2,000 plus installation and the money would be coming from the Parkland fund. The fountains are for exterior use and would be removed for the winter season. They are ADA compliant. **Motion by Bursaw/Bruner to approve the purchase of two drinking fountains for the Doepke park shelter for up to \$2,500.00. Questioned and carried 5:0**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR REMOVAL OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS-** Superintendent Turner stated that the tennis courts at South Mountain school are beyond repair. The Town 25 years ago agreed to put in the tennis courts and maintain them. The fence would need to be removed, the materials discarded and the area where the tennis courts currently are would need to be restored. The Commission agreed that we need one location with good tennis courts at one of the parks. Currently we have tennis courts at Liberty Park. They also discussed the time frame for

removing the tennis courts. **Motion by Bursaw/Grundmann to remove the tennis courts after posting a 30-day notice that the courts will be removed. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**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 be putting a note in the Town Beat notifying residents about the event.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS-** We need to determine what we would like to do at the park. The soccer nets will be put up in spring. The Commission discussed that they would still like to put in a 6-hole golf disk park at this location. Superintendent Turner is getting quotes for putting in a lake access at this location.

**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, GUTTERS** – Superintendent Turner stated that the new backstop, fencing, and gutters will be added in 2019. He is waiting until spring to get the correct measurements. The hockey rink will close on March 12, 2019 and was open for 31 days this year.

**DONATION OF LAND FOR FUTURE PARK-** The Town now owns the land that Richard Austin donated to the Town. Superintendent Turner is working on land use planning and having the water delineation done on the property.

**PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION-** Chairman Conklin said that everything has been updated on the project list. The Commission discussed a potential perimeter trail - granite path around Rookery Park. They also discussed the grills location in the parks.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – Superintendent Turner stated that the Parkland fund is low.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** – Grundmann stated that sledding at Doepke Park was good.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Grundmann to adjourn. Questioned and carried 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.**

Submitted by  
Clerk Joanne Ruechel