

Rib Mountain Park Commission
April 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Brad Conklin, Jerry Muehlbauer, Andrea Larson, Dana Lahr and Marne Bruner.

EXCUSED: Bill Bursaw and Chad Grundemann

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Larson/Muehlbauer to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019. Questioned and carried 5:0.

STREET AND PARK REPORT:

GOOSE ISSUES AT TOWN PARK- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that there have been people feeding the geese at Rookery Park again. The Town did put signs up to educate people and the Town is also issuing fines if people are caught putting feed out.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION UPDATE- Superintendent Turner stated that Vern from Lee Recreation took a look at the Flax Lane tot lot. Vern stated that the equipment is old but functional. He also recommended that the equipment be replaced in the next 2-3 years. The current equipment does not meet the new codes for safe play equipment. The Park Commission discussed putting up a 30-day notice of removal of the playground equipment before removing it entirely and not replacing it. Doepke Park is close to this park and that is where most of the kids go to play. Vern will also put together a possible plan for the Lion's Club pocket park which will be located at the Municipal Center.

APPROVAL OF HIRE OF SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM CO-ACTIVITIES

DIRECTOR- It was reported by Superintendent Turner that we had 3 applicants for the summer recreation program co-activities director. Christian Kiepke interviewed all of them and recommended Jakob Tordsen. **Motion by Larson/Bruner to approve the hiring of Jakob Tordsen as a summer recreation program co-activities director. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

DISCUSSION TOWN EASTER EGG HUNT- The Commission discussed the Easter Egg Hunt that is coming up. The hunt will be held April 15th thru April 20th. A sign-up sheet was passed around to the Commission members and they signed up for hiding the Easter eggs in the 5 Town parks. Hints will not be given out to the public as to where the eggs are hidden or what parks they might be at. Superintendent Turner will be updating the Facebook page as residents send in questions.

DISCUSSION- POSSIBLE TOWN HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT- Jerry Muehlbauer explained that he has an idea for a Halloween scavenger hunt that would take place in October in the Town parks. Jerry will bring his ideas back to the next committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS- Superintendent Turner stated that he is moving forward with the plans for a survey in regards to lake access at Liberty Park.

CHELLIS PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT- Vern from Lee playground equipment was in Town to inspect our playground equipment. Superintendent Tuner is working with him in regards to playground equipment at Chellis Park.

DOEPKE SHELTER DRINKING FOUNTAIN BACKSTOP, FENCE, GUTTERS – Superintendent Turner stated that the new drinking fountains are in. They will be installed when the freezing weather is over. The quotes for the backstop fences for the soccer field came in very high and instead we are now going to purchase new nets.

DONATION OF LAND FOR FUTURE PARK- Superintendent Turner is working on land use planning for the new land donation. The wetland delineation study will be done on the property in June.

GHIDORZI GREEN AND CLEAN- The event will take place on April 27, 2019. Marne' is putting together a group of people to clean up Highway "N" and Highway "NN". She asked any Park Commission members that would like to help out to contact her.

BITTERSWEET TRAIL FENCE PROJECT- Superintendent Turner has one more quote expected for the fence project.

PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION-Superintendent Turner stated that Chad updated the park project list. We powder coated and painted the soccer nets at Liberty Park. We are finalizing the last easements for the Trillium Trail. The Trail construction will begin after Thanksgiving 2019. Chairman Conklin mentioned that Marathon County is conducting a survey about the County parks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – No report.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Lahar stated that tonight is her last Park's Commission meeting as she has moved to Kronenwetter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Larson/Bruner to adjourn. Questioned and carried 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Submitted by
Clerk Joanne Ruechel

Approved

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