

Rib Mountain Park Commission
May 14, 2019
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Acting Chairman Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, *Andrea Larson, *Chad Grundemann, and Pete McCarthy

EXCUSED: Brad Conklin and Marne' Bruner

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

*Chad Arrived at 5:05 p.m.

*Andrea left at 5:45 p.m.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBER- Pete McCarthy was introduced and told the other members of the Commission about his background. The rest of the Commission members then introduced themselves to Pete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Muehlbauer/Larson to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019. Questioned and carried 5:0.

PUBLIC INPUT- Don and Mary Smith of 7405 Woodsmoke Lane appeared before the Commission. They said that their reason for appearing was to discuss Chellis Park. They have concerns about the security of the parking lot and they would like to see motion lights put into the parking lot to alert neighbors when someone is in the parking lot. Currently there are trees that block the view of the parking lot and the Smith's don't want to see the trees removed.

STREET AND PARK REPORT: Superintendent Turner stated that this is a busy time of the year for the Public Works Department. The fountains at Doepke Park have been replaced and the soccer nets at Liberty Park are now up. The baseball practices have started up at Doepke Park. The sign announcing that the Flax tot lot park may closing will be installed later this summer.

CHELLIS PARK TREE TRIMMING- Superintendent Turner stated that Supervisor Conklin had suggested removing the trees to make the parking lot more visible. It was decided to bring this item back to the next Park Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN EASTER EGG HUNT- The Commission discussed how the Easter egg hunt went. Everyone agreed that it went well this year. It was also discussed what a good job Marne' did putting the baskets together. We will be talking with Marne' as to how the Commission could help her out more for the future Easter egg hunts.

GOOSE ISSUES AT TOWN PARKS- Superintendent Turner stated that there have been people feeding the geese at Rookery park again. The Town did put up a formal sign to educate people not to feed the geese. The Code Enforcement Officer has already issued one fine to someone for feeding the geese.

GHIDORZI GREEN AND CLEAN- Superintendent Turner stated that the Spring pickup went well. The stretch of highway 51 between County Road “N” and “NN” was not completed as the Marathon County Highway Department does not allow people to pick up trash in that area unless it’s a sanctioned event. This will need to be coordinated for 2020.

LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS- The new soccer nets and repainted frames have been installed. Superintendent Turner looked at the area north of Liberty Park to put in a kayak launch site where there is public lake access. It would be very hard to put a kayak launch at this site because it is so steep. Superintendent Turner discussed options for constructing a disc golf course between the Liberty Park shelter and the tennis courts. Chad Grundemann will develop a layout of the area for a disc golf course to be put in. The Commission discussed how many golf holes should be put in. They also discussed how the site should be signed.

POSSIBLE TOWN HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT- Jerry Muehlbauer wrote up a proposal of how a Town Halloween scavenger hunt would work. He stated that he would handle putting out the letters and awarding the prizes. Jerry will bring this item back to the Parks Commission at the next meeting.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION UPDATE- CHELLIS PARK, FLAX TOT LOT- This item was already discussed during the Street and Park report.

DOEPKE SHELTER DRINKING FOUNTAIN BACKSTOP, FENCE, GUTTERS – Superintendent Turner stated that he will be obtaining quotes for the rain gutters.

DONATION OF LAND FOR FUTURE PARK- Superintendent Turner stated that the land that was donated by the dog park is mainly wetlands. A wetland delineation will be done in the future to determine available land for trails and park development.

BITTERSWEET TRAIL FENCE PROJECT- Superintendent Turner has received quotes for the fence project. He stated that we need to improve the drainage in this area as well.

PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION- No report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – No report.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS – Chad Grundemann complimented Superintendent Turner on keeping the equipment up and looking nice. Pete McCarthy stated that he will make it a point to visit the parks. Bill Bursaw stated that last week the Governor was at Rib Mountain Park and went for a tour of the park.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Muehlbauer/Grundemann to adjourn. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Submitted by
Clerk Joanne Ruechel