

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**June 11, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, Andrea Larson, Chad Grundemann, and Pete McCarthy

**EXCUSED:** Marne' Bruner

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bursaw/Larson to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting. Questioned and carried 6:0.**

**STREET AND PARK REPORT:** Superintendent Turner stated that this is a busy time of the year for the Public Works Department. There was a broken faucet at Doepke Park that was fixed. On the north side of the Doepke Park shelter, a window was broken and has been fixed. The docks by Gulliver's that have been reset by a dock company with equipment necessary to do this work. The wetland delineation has been completed on the donated land near the dog park. The survey at Liberty Park for lake access has been completed. It was also reported that there are garlic mustard plants growing along the Park Rd trail from Violet to the east.

**WAUSAU YOUTH BASEBALL- WALL OF HONOR ON CONCESSION BUILDING-**Matt Mayer, Tom Hack and Max Stella from the Wausau Area Youth Baseball were present. They would requested to place a wall of honor sign on the concession building at Doepke Park. The sign would honor the founders of the Wausau Youth Baseball league and various other people that have helped with Wausau Youth Baseball. The dedication of the plaque would be on June 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Motion by Bursaw/Grundemann to approve the Wausau Youth Baseball group putting a 48 inch by 96 inch wall of honor sign on the concession building at Doepke Park. Questioned and carried 6:0.**

**DIAMOND #2-PUBLIC USE SIGNAGE-** A sign has been placed at Doepke Park that states "Field available for public use when not used by WYB&S for games or practices." The Park Commission members stated that they were satisfied with this sign.

**DISCUSSION ON CHELLIS PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS-** Clerk Ruechel passed out an email from Don and Mary Smith. They suggested that the pickleball court be moved to the flat area near the shelter and keep the parking lot intact. The Parks Commission discussed putting the pickleball court on the area where the parking lot currently is because the asphalt is in good condition. It would be \$3,700 to complete the creation of the courts. Costs would be significantly more if new courts were constructed near the shelter. The Parks Commission discussed if this is a good location for the courts since the park is in a rural area. Jerry Muehlbauer agreed to reach out to the Greater Wausau Area Pickleball group and see thought that this would be a good location for a pickleball court.

**RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR PARK USE AGREEMENT- FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY-** Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that this is a renewal for Faith Christian Academy to play soccer games at Doepke Park. The games and practices take place after school starting in September and ending in the fall. **Motion by Bursaw/Larson to approve the park use agreement with Faith Christian Academy. Questioned and carried 6:0.**

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR TRILLIUM TRAIL PARKING AREA-** The Parks Commission would like to see 2-3 vehicle parking spots at the start of the trailhead. Superintendent Turner will look at the road grade on Butternut to see if it would be possible for them to park there. The trail construction will begin after Thanksgiving.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**GOOSE ISSUES AT TOWN PARKS-** Superintendent Turner or Town Staff have not seen any goose feeding activity at Rookery Park recently.

**LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS-** Chad Grundemann will be working on a concept plan. He will talk to Pete Hoover to find out how much he charges to design a disc golf course.

**POSSIBLE TOWN HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT-** Jerry Muehlbauer wrote up a proposal of how a Town Halloween scavenger hunt would work. The Parks Commission discussed if we wanted to reach out to the local business again. It was also discussed to have the scavenger hunt in June instead of October. It was decided to put the scavenger hunt on hold and save it as a possible park activity for the future.

**PLAYGROUND INSPECTION UPDATE- CHELLIS PARK, FLAX TOT LOT-** no updates.

**DOEPKE SHELTER GUTTERS** no updates.

**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 has been completed. The final report is pending.

**BITTERSWEET TRAIL FENCE PROJECT-** Superintendent Turner indicated that we will be using parkland funds for the fencing. The fence will be put up this summer and will be going around the pond.

**PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION-** The Lion's Club is still looking to build a garage at the municipal center. It would not be feasible to have it completed this summer, so they are looking at next year.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – No report.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** – Brad Conklin complimented Superintendent Turner on handling the rummage sales last weekend. Chad Grundemann spoke about an idea that he has for a bike playground themed park. Pete McCarthy stated that he been visiting the parks and wants

to get onto the Town trails soon. Andrea Larson mentioned that she has been posting videos of the Rib Mountain Parks on the Wausau Iron bull website.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Larson to adjourn. Questioned and carried 6:0.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.**

Submitted by  
Clerk Joanne Ruechel