

**Rib Mountain Park Commission**  
**September 10, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Acting Chairman Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, Andrea Larson, Pete McCarthy and Marne' Bruner

**EXCUSED:** Brad Conklin and Chad Grundemann

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Larson/McCarthy to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**DISCUSSION ON RIB MOUNTAIN DOG PARK PHASE 11-CONCEPT PLANNING-** Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that Mr. Dick Austin donated land to that Town that is adjacent to the dog park. Mr. Austin was present to discuss what he would like to see done with the land. He suggested that the future name to be considered for the Dog Park addition would be "Rustic Nature Park". Mr. Austin handed out a drawing of the potential layout for the park. He would like to see a separate area for small dogs, a shelter with seating in the park, more park benches added and a dog first aid station put in the park. Superintendent Turner will work out preliminary costs estimates for the work that Mr. Austin would like to see done in the park.

**STREET AND PARK REPORT:** Superintendent Turner stated that the bees are gone from Chellis Park. Faith Christian Academy will be using Doepke Park's soccer fields. The geese are gone from Rookery Park.

**DISCUSSION ON FLAX LANE TOT LOT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-** Superintendent Turner stated that he received 8 or 9 phone calls from neighbors of the park in support of keeping the park. The neighbors would like to keep the tot play equipment and also get play equipment for bigger kids as well.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION 2020 BUDGET-** It was reported by Superintendent Turner that the budget for 2020 will be flat. We will not be increasing the budget for special expenditures. We do have funds set aside for the preliminary engineering work for the dog park expansion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS- DISK GOLF-** The Parks Commission discussed purchasing the equipment for disk golf now and installing it next year. The Commission was in agreement that they would like to see the Town have a disc golf course. Superintendent Turner stated that he did not want this area of the park as a mixed-use area. It would be used solely as a disk golf course.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN TENNIS COURTS-REPAIRS- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that several residents reached out to him and other Town Board members about the South Mountain tennis courts being torn out. Superintendent Turner stated that he recently met with a contractor to fix the courts. The contractor has not gotten back to him yet with the price. Superintendent Turner believes that the repairs will be in the price range of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

BITTERSWEET TRAIL FENCE- Superintendent Turner said that the land survey has been completed. The survey was done to figure out where the best place would be to put the culverts. The goal is to keep the water flow away from the church

PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION- Superintendent Turner stated that Brad just updated this listing. Commissioner Larson discussed where the best place would be to launch kayaks in the Rib Mountain area.

PARK EXPENSE REPORT- Superintendent Turner stated that there have been minor expenses for faucets at Doepke Park.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS-Commissioner Bursaw would like to see the report from the summer recreation program. Commissioner Muehlbauer believes that the land that was donated for the dog park addition, would be perfect for snowshoeing and fat tire bike racing.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Larson/Bruner to adjourn. Questioned and carried 5:0.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.**