

Rib Mountain Park Commission
October 8, 2019
5:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, Andrea Larson, and Pete McCarthy

EXCUSED: Marne' Bruner and Chad Grundemann

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bursaw/McCarthy to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.

STREET AND PARK REPORT: Superintendent Turner stated that recently Liberty Park was vandalized with graffiti. It is being reported to the Marathon County Sheriff's Department.

2020 FEE SCHEDULE- MEMORIAL BENCH DONATION AMOUNT- Recently there was a memorial bench put in on County Road N. Prior to this, the cost had been around \$1,000 to put in a memorial bench. Recently, that price has gone up to \$1,200.

Motion by Bursaw/Conklin to raise the 2020 fee schedule to \$1,200 for a memorial bench. Questioned and carried 5:0.

2019 SUMMER RECREATION REPORT: Superintendent Turner provided a summery report in the packet. He stated that things went well this year and that 3 of the 4 staff members are planning to return next year. The Summer Recreation program came in under budget as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIONS CLUB PARK- MUNICIPAL CENTER- Chairman Conklin reported that the Town has been working with the Lions Club to build a garage and put in a park at the Municipal Center. The Parks Commission discussed what type of park they would like to see put in at the Municipal Center.

LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS- DISK GOLF- No updates.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN TENNIS COURTS-REPAIRS- Street and Park Superintendent Turner is working on getting estimates to fix the tennis courts.

DOG PARK PHASE II-CONCEPT PLANNING- Superintendent Turner stated that we have money set aside to develop a concept design. Mr. Dick Austin asked that the Parks Commission members go and visit the land and think about what they would like to see it used for. The best way to get to the land is to park on Martin Avenue and go onto the land near the transmission lines. Mr. Austin suggested the name "Rustic Nature Park". He stated that we could have disk golf and snowshoeing on the property as well.

BITTERSWEET TRAIL FENCE- Superintendent Turner said that the fence will go in around the first part of November. The drainage work has been done at the property as well.

KAYAK LAUNCH-POSSIBLE LOCATIONS- Superintendent Turner asked the Parks Commission members where the best place would be to put a kayak launch in the Town. It was discussed to put in a launch at Rookery Park as the parking and infrastructure is already there.

PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION- No updates.

PARK EXPENSE REPORT- Superintendent Turner stated that we are in good shape for the winter recreation expenses. He also mentioned that he would like to purchase skating chair helpers for at Doepke Park.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS-Commissioner Muehlbauer asked what we can do on the wetlands at the new land that was donated.

Chairman Conklin stated that the memorial bench on County Road N looks nice. The Town will be having a silent auction for the old road signs once they are removed next spring/summer. The money that is collected will go to the dog park expansion.

Commissioner Larson asked if we were going to put Christmas decorations up at Doepke Park. Superintendent Turner stated that the trees are still very small, but we could try to put some up.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Larson/Bursaw to adjourn. Questioned and carried 5:0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**