

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Jerry Muehlbauer, Andrea Larson, Pete McCarthy and Marne' Bruner (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

**EXCUSED:** Chad Grundmann

**GUESTS:** Dick Austin and Tom Haebig

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 November 12, 2019 meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**APPROVAL OF ROOKERY PARK USE: Mr. Tom Haebig was at the meeting representing the Wausau Noon Optimist. They would like to have a youth fishing tournament at Rookery Park on February 9, 2020 for children ages 17 and below. The Optimist have been hosting this for 40 years. There would be prizes for the largest fish of each type. **Motion by Bursaw/Larson to approve the use of Rookery Park on February 9, 2020 for the Wausau Noon Optimist Youth Fisheree. Questioned and carried 6:0.****

**STREET AND PARK REPORT: Superintendent Turner reported that the parks are shut down for the winter. The dog park however remains open. They are currently making ice for the ice rink at Doepke Park. The snow base has been packed down for the ice rink. The Trillium Trail is ready to bid out. Superintendent Turner would like to start construction on the Trillium Trail in March of 2020. The Christmas decorations are up at Doepke Park. Supervisor Conklin stated that a resident asked him why the cable is still up at Rookery Park. Superintendent Turner stated that it is there so that people don't land their boat there. He will look into having them removed so that the people ice fishing can get onto the lake easier.**

**Easter Egg Hunt Planning and Donation Requests: The Parks Commission discussed when they wanted to start collection donations for the Easter egg hunt. It was decided to start in February 2020. In January the Commission will start discussing which business to contact for donations. There will be an article in the Town Beat in March in regards to the Easter egg hunt.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lions Club Park- Municipal Center- Superintendent Turner stated that the Town met with the Lions Club. Currently the Town is going out for bids for the new garage.**

**Liberty park improvements- disk golf- No updates.**

Tennis Courts Repairs-Funding- Superintendent Turner stated that the Town Board considered the recommendation made by the Parks Commission not to fund the tennis court repairs at South Mountain School. It was decided by the Town Board to fund the repairs through borrowing rather than to use Parkland funds.

South Mountain Tennis Courts-Repairs- No updates.

Dog Park Phase II-Concept Planning- Superintendent Turner stated that he started working on the concept plans with Town Board Supervisor Klein. They are looking at fencing and possibly putting a privacy fence near the homes that would be affected by the dog park addition. Superintendent Turner would like to start the fundraising in the Spring of 2020 and having a land cleaning service begin work in 2021. In the Spring of 2020, there is also a plan to get estimates for the work that would need to be done. Superintendent Turner will also be looking if any grants are available for this project. Dick Austin passed out the flyer "Adopt a Park" and thinks that the Town might benefit from a program like this.

Bittersweet Trail Fence- Superintendent Turner said that the construction for the fence will start in the spring. Unfortunately, the fence did not get put up before the snow fell.

PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION- Supervisor Conklin is working on cleaning up this list before the end of the year. He did ask the Parks Commission members to look at the list and decided which projects they would like to see worked on.

PARK EXPENSE REPORT- Superintendent Turner stated that overall expenses are within budget.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS- Andrea Larson mentioned that the Department of Transportation said that the Town could paint a mural in the tunnel off of County Road R. The Town would need to be the applicant to get this approved. She believes that a mural would deter vandalism inside the tunnel. The Parks Commission discussed what would happen to a mural if water got into the tunnel. It was mentioned that the County is responsible for the upkeep of the tunnel.

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