

Rib Mountain Park Commission
January 14, 2020
5:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman Brad Conklin, Bill Bursaw, Chad Grundmann, Andrea Larson, Pete McCarthy and Jerry Muehlbauer via teleconference (arrived at 5:03 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Marne' Bruner

GUESTS: Dick Austin

Also present was Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden and Town Clerk Joanne Ruechel.

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

STREET AND PARK REPORT: Chairman Conklin stated that the Trillium Trail bids have been sent out and we are looking at opening the Trillium Trail in the Fall of 2020. There will be parking available on Foxglove and Buttercup for people wishing to use the trail.

Administrator Rhoden mentioned that the Director of Community Development will be coming to the Parks Commission meeting next month. He will be presenting the Comprehensive Plan for discussion.

Rib Mountain State Park Master Plan Discussion: Bill Bursaw announced that he would be recusing himself from this discussion. Chairman Conklin mentioned that there is going to be a Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee meeting on January 16, 2020 to discuss the Rib Mountain State Park Master Plan. He would like to see a circular perimeter bike trail around the park. There is a public meeting scheduled on January 29, 2020 to discuss this topic as well. Jamie Polley of the Marathon County Park's Department is working on a connectivity plan for the Park.

Administrator Rhoden stated that she met with the DNR and that we will be submitting plans that are passed by the Town Board to them by February 22, 2020.

Easter Egg Hunt Planning and Donation Requests: The Parks Commission discussed the letter that Street and Park Superintendent Turner put together seeking donations from various businesses. It was decided that the Park's Commission members would seek donations from the same businesses that they worked with last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lions Club Park- Municipal Center- Administrator Rhoden stated that the bids for the garage are due by January 23, 2020.

Liberty Park Improvements- disk golf- Chad Grundmann stated that he is still working on the plans. Administrator Rhoden stated that there is \$10,000 set aside in the budget for a disc golf course.

South Mountain Tennis Courts Repairs-Funding- Administrator Rhoden stated that there is \$40,000 in the budget for tennis court repairs. The money will be coming from the Parkland funds.

Dog Park Phase II-Concept Planning- Administrator Rhoden began by saying that there is \$6,000 in the budget to do the conceptual plans. She also stated that we should update our Recreation Plan in order to apply for Stewardship funds. Mr. Dick Austin was present and would like to see a subcommittee put together to work on fundraising.

Bittersweet Trail Fence- No update.

PARK PROJECT LIST- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION- Chairman Conklin asked if any Park Commission members have anything to add or delete from the list.

PARK EXPENSE REPORT- Chairman Conklin asked that the Doepke fund report and the Parkland fund report be included on this report.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS- Bursaw stated that the election for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson should be put on the next meeting.

Chairman Conklin asked the Parks Commission to stay in front of the State Park Master Plan and let the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee know of any ideas that they have. He also asked if the youth fishing tournament at Rookery Park could be put on Facebook.

Muehlbauer asked if the bike trails are paved or gravel. Larson stated that she would like the trails paved from Fern Lane to South Mountain School.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bursaw/Grundmann to adjourn. Questioned and carried 6:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.