

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Jeff Bruch, Dena Doughty, and Chair Pete Clement, and Karen Ettesvold

Members Absent: Commissioner Faye Tweed

Also Present: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; and Council Member Cathy Malecha

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Clement.

2. 2/9/2012 Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER DOUGHTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2/9/12 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. Review Mission Statement

The Commissioner's reviewed the Park Mission Statement that was drafted by the Commission last month. Chair Clement stated that he would present the Mission Statement to the Council in April.

4. Banners Located by Band Shell - Flags

Discussion was held regarding a flag design for the City of Pequot Lakes. Cathy Malecha stated that Sibley Township had a City flag that could be used as a Pequot Lakes city flag. The Park Commission indicated that the flag should have a bobber on it. It was the consensus to bring some samples of City flags to the next Park Commission meeting.

The Park Commission reviewed the existing sign ordinance for temporary signs. Discussion was held regarding the limitations that the ordinance presents for the Bands in the Park program. The Clerk informed the Commission that the Planning Commission is in the beginning stages of reviewing the entire sign ordinance. The Park Commission consented to send their concern regarding the restrictive sign ordinance for temporary signs, specifically to those temporary signs that promote the community. It was the consensus of the Commission to request the Planning Commission to consider no restrictions to temporary signs that promote the community.

5. Master Park Plan Discussion: Breezy Point Plan

The Commissioners reviewed the Breezy Point master park plan. The Commissions also reviewed the information provided by the City of Nisswa for the Nisswa parks. The Park Commission felt it would be a good start to take an inventory of each of the City Parks and then evaluate the parks to see what is needed at each location to ensure that the parks and trails are utilized to the fullest and to note what could be added to the park system and individual parks in the future.

6. Recycling Containers for the Park

Mike Loven stated that there are funds remaining from the SCORE grant to be used toward recycling. He suggested that the Park Commission consider adding a few recycling containers at Trailside Park. It was the consensus to have the Park Commission look at what is available for recycling containers and to place them by the band shell and picnic shelter next to the garbage containers.

7. Other Business

Park Brochures – The Commissioners reviewed a proof of the park brochure provided by Scott Pederson. Suggestions include:

- Add a photo of Gildner and Trailside North Parks.
- Other photos could include the picnic shelter, veteran's memorial, and band shell at Trailside Park.
- Park Sizes.
- Photo of Chamber building listing public restrooms.
- Old Hwy 371 north of C.R. 11 is now County Road 112

The Clerk explained that there were not many recent photos to use at this time, but that the City will be working to acquire more photos for future year brochures.

Discussion was held regarding the issue of no public restrooms on the east side of town. It was noted that there is a need to have some type of public restroom facilities in this area.

Adopt a Garden – The Mayor placed an article in the Echo requesting volunteers to help maintain the gardens on the north side of Trailside Park. Cathy Malecha, Karen Ettesvold and Mayor Adams will inventory the gardens that require attending and make a list of the gardens.

The Commission indicated that park tours should begin in April, weather permitting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk