

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Malecha, Commissioners Ettesvold (4:07), Nagel, and Bruch

Members Absent: Commissioner Gibbons

Also Present: Dawn Bittner, Zoning Administrator; Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; and Council Member Gardner

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

2. Consider Agenda

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

3. 4/10/2014 Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE 4/10/2014 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4. Sibley Lake Park (Dog Park) Update

Mike Loven stated he placed stakes along the bluff indicating the setback and that he contacted Wes Wilson. Mr. Wilson stated he didn't think 15 feet from the bluff would matter. Sheridan Wilson did not respond whether or not the size was adequate for the dog park. Mr. Loven will contact her again.

Mike Loven also stated the need to budget to move the swing set and move the outhouse.

5. Mayo Lake Park Preserve – Harvest of Trees

Mike Loven explained the Mayor is looking for funding options to improve the City's parks and the Forest Management Plan for the Mayo Lake Park indicates that tree removal was is option. Mike Loven explained that there is not a lot of timber to remove and harvesting of trees may not have been the intent when the land was donated.

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO NOT HARVEST TREES AT MAYO LAKE PARK. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

6. Park Commission Priorities

The following improvements were discussed:

Dog Park: 2015 – 2016.

Sibley Park: The steps are included in the Capital Improvement Plan in 2016. Mike Loven stated a lot of steps will be bad in 3 to 5 years; the steps will eventually become a liability. Chair Malecha stated Sibley Lake Association will provide funds if the City updates the park. Chair Malecha further suggested to include the steps in the 2016 budget. The power lines are to be moved this year with \$25,000 in the budget. The road should be moved when the power lines are moved; include moving of road in the 2015 budget.

Trailside Park – Bathrooms are a priority for 2015.

Mayo Lake Park – Mike Loven reported construction of the paths stopped when harvesting of trees was discussed. He would like to continue and place a bench on the loop overlooking the end of the lake. The Commission would like to hold an Open House in the fall so people become aware of the Park. The Open House should be included on the August Agenda. Signage on State Highway 371, County Road 168 and Hurtig Road was discussed. Mr. Loven will contact the State and the County and hopes to report back at the June or July meeting. He would need to look at this year's budget if signage were to be installed in 2014.

Trailside North Park – No features need to be added at this time.

Giltner Park – The playground equipment from Sibley Lake Park will be moved to Giltner Park when the dog park is constructed.

The Park Commission requested the new park brochure be placed on the website. Mike Loven provided the Commissioners with the new brochure.

The Park Commission listed the following as priorities, in order of importance:

1. Bathrooms in Trailside Park;
2. Dog Park;
3. Steps at Sibley Lake Park, in budget for 2016;
4. Splash Park, maybe 2015 with grant funding in 2016.

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO ABANDON THE ICE RINK IDEA.
COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

7. Update on Flowers

Mike Loven informed the Commission that City Clerk Peine contacted the Treehouse to plant the barrels for \$10 per barrel, plus plants. This will be included in the budget for next year.

Chair Malecha, Mayor Adams and Commissioner Ettesvold will plant the blue pots for the Bobber Park. Commissioner Ettesvold will pick up the plants and the bill will be sent to the City.

Last year the barrels were placed along Government Drive with the businesses responsible for their maintenance. It was agreed to place 4 barrels on the west side of town and 8 barrels on the east side of town. Chair Malecha will contact the businesses.

8. Other Business

There was no additional business.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Bittner
Zoning Administrator