

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015  
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Bruch, Nagel, Ettesvold, and Ronning

Members Absent: Chair Malecha, Commissioner Caouette and Nordby

Also Present: Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; and Sandy Peine, City Clerk.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Ronning called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

3. Park Commission Minutes

**COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 9, 2015, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

4. Sibley Lake Park Steps

Mark Jurchen and Mike Ridgley, President of Sibley Lake Association, addressed the Park Commission. Mark Jurchen explained that Sibley Lake has been placed on an impaired status because of the water quality. Part of the problem is erosion and nutrients going into the lake. The Association has suggested removing the steps at Sibley Lake Park. The Lake Association would like to work with the City to come up with a project and then research possible grant funding to complete the project. He suggested that the Public Works employees could put some in kind money through man hours toward the grant. Mr. Jurchen stated that the Park Commission needs to develop a plan before the Lake Association could apply for a grant. He suggested that the plan would be to remove the steps and re-vegetate the area.

**COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE PARK COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REMOVE THE STEPS AT SIBLEY LAKE PARK AND ADDING VEGETATION AND THEN WORK WITH THE LAKE ASSOCIATION ON POSSIBLE GRANT APPLICATIONS. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

5. Dog Park – Amenities Update

Mike Loven informed the Commissioners that the benches and a picnic table have been placed at the dog park. Sheridan and Wes Wilson are working on the metal dog silhouette signs.

The Park Commission talked about the type of identification sign for the dog park. The two styles discussed were metal and wooden signs. The Commissioners requested that this be placed on the June Park Commission Agenda.

6. Park Brochure

The Clerk distributed the park brochures to the Commissioners.

7. Trailside Park Update

Mike Loven explained that the original restroom location has been changed to be located at the bottom of the hill. Commissioner Ronning questioned how the location was changed. Mike Loven explained that two Council Members and Chair Malecha changed the location. Commissioner Ronning asked if the move would be more costly. Mike Loven explained that more than likely it will be more expensive as there is now a requirement to have a 2" water line.

Dan Ronning explained that the Lion's Club will consider a donation toward the restroom when they can see a bid.

Mike Loven stated that the fencing has been ordered. The fence will not be able to be placed as far from the playground as anticipated due to a guide wire. It was the consensus of the Commission to have three Commissioners meet with Mike Loven and decide where to place the fence.

The Clerk informed the Park Commission that the Adams are working with St. Croix Recreation to create a sign for the park thanking them for the playground.

**COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO LET THE ADAMS ORDER THE SIGN AS LONG AS THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO PAY FOR IT. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

The Commission decided to have a Ribbon Cutting ceremony when Adams' family is in town. It was suggested that the ceremony be held during a Saturday evening before the Band in the Park program.

8. Bands in the Park Program

The City Clerk distributed the Band in the Park program schedule. She requested the Commissioners to schedule times during the programs to assist with

questions and to make sure that vehicles don't drive in the center of the park or on the Paul Bunyan trail.

9. Grand Opening for Playground – Sign

This item was discussed under Number 7 of this agenda.

10. Park Plan Update and Trailside Park Design

It was the consensus of the Commission to wait until next year when there is a new administration to lead the Commission. Commissioner Ronning stated he would like to see irrigation on the south end of the park.

11. Other Business

The City Clerk stated that the Pequot Lakes Historical Society has requested the City Park Commission to plant flowers or plants beneath the sign. The Commission stated that it would take it under consideration. Commissioner Ettesvold stated she would take a look at the area and report at the next Park Commission meeting. Commissioner Nagel questioned if there would be a problem with discontinuing the south garden. The Commission stated that they would use the plants in other locations. Commissioner Nagel stated that he would confirm everything with his wife and report back to the Commission in June.

Council Member Nagel questioned if there was a possibility of creating a compost pile. Mike Loven stated that it won't be possible at this time, but possibility in the future.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra A. Peine  
City Clerk