

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014  
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Malecha, Commissioners Ettesvold, Gibbons, and Bruch

Members Absent: Commissioner Nagel

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

2. Consider Agenda

The City Clerk requested to add Brenda Myers under other business.

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

3. 5/8/2014 Park Commission Minutes

**COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 5/8/2014 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

4. Park Commission Members and Meeting Time

The Clerk informed the members that the Council amended the ordinance to allow for up to 7 members on the Park Commission. She noted that she has not advertised as she is waiting to see whether the Commission wants to change the meeting time.

It was the consensus of the Park Commission to advertise for two new members and to move the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. beginning on July 11.

5. Photo Contest for Next Year's Park Brochure

The Clerk explained that Scott Pederson has suggested that the Park Commission host a photo contest for next year's Park Brochure. It was the consensus of the Park Commission to hold a photo contest and to offer credits to the winning photographs.

6. Trailside Park Bathrooms – 2015 Priority

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Mike Loven reminded the Commissioners that a restroom at Trailside Park is a priority for 2015. He explained that he has included \$40,000 in the 2015 preliminary budget for two bathrooms; one male and one female. He explained that the bathrooms would be seasonal and not heated.

7. Mayo Lake Park Open House

The Commissioners discussed details for the open house at Mayo Lake Park Preserve.

Date: September 27th

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Commission members suggested that Nancy Vogt write an article on the open house one week prior to the event. Mike Loven stated he would have directional signage for attendees. Chair Malecha stated she would be organize the food – hot dogs, chips and soda.

8. Other Business

Brenda Myers discussed the possibility of a regional recreational area and nature explore conservancy in Pequot Lakes. She explained there is a community group that is making application with the University of MN Extension and Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships to develop a master plan for the park. She stated she was considering some Potlatch Land located near Cloverleaf Lake and the Lowell Wildlife Management area, but there is currently a purchase agreement on the land. She questioned whether the Park Commission felt this type of a project would be an asset to the City. The Commission had questions regarding the cost to the City, maintenance responsibilities of the park, and the fact that there currently is no specific parcel of land available. Ms. Myers stated that they could do the study with the idea that a different piece of land could become available.

Commissioner Bruch stated that he would endorse the concept but the City has no funds to contribute. Ms. Myers stated that she would stay in contact with Commissioner Bruch.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra A. Peine". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sandra A. Peine  
City Clerk