

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015  
SIBLEY LAKE PARK AND TRAILSIDE PARK**

Members Present: Chair Malecha, Commissioners Bruch, Nagel, Ettesvold, Nordby, and Ronning

Members Absent: Commissioner Caouette

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

**COMMISSIONER RONNING MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

3. Park Commission Minutes

Commissioner Ronning noted that Council Member Karr was stated as being present at the May meeting and he was absent.

**COMMISSIONER RONNING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2015, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES AS CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

4. Sibley Lake Park

Clerk Peine explained that the City Council authorized the Park Commission to design a plan to remove the steps to Sibley Lake and to add vegetation. She noted that the July Park Commission meeting will focus on the plan.

**Lights**

Mike Loven asked the Commission where lights should be placed in the park. Commissioner Nordby offered to look at the park during dusk and report to the Commission at the next Park Commission meeting with a recommendation for placement of lights.

**Signs**

Mike Loven questioned whether the Commission wanted signs posted at the park. It was the consensus of the Commission to install signs that will state the park hours, no overnight parking, and that the rules will be enforced.

**Posts**

Mike Loven discussed options to limit parking on the park right-of-way located along the street.

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO PLACE WOODEN POSTS 30 INCHES TALL AND 7-8 FEET APART IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE ROAD TO ELIMINATE PARKING. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**Swing-set**

Mike Loven explained that the road improvement has caused the road to be located closer to the swing-set which causes a safety issue. It was the consensus of the Commission to remove the swing-set and not replace it due to safety concerns and because the swing set is not compliant with required code regulations.

**COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO REMOVE THE SWING-SET AT SIBLEY LAKE PARK DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. COMMISSIONER RONNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

It was the consensus of the Commission to replace the swing-set with playground equipment similar to what is used at Giltner Park when funds are available.

5. Trail Side Park

**Fence**

The Commission discussed the location of the fence.

**COMMISSIONER NORDBY MOVED TO PLACE THE FENCE UP TO 10 FEET AWAY FROM THE PLAY GROUND. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**Ribbon Cutting**

Clerk Peine noted that the Ribbon Cutting for the Playground will be on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The Community Action Group is taking the lead in planning the event. Park Commissioners should try to attend.

**Bands in the Park**

The Clerk passed around a sign-up sheet for Commissioners to meet the bands when they arrive and explain how to drive in to the band shelter.

**Portable Toilet**

Mike Loven noted that the Mayor will recommend that the Council pay for the portable toilets in the park from Council contingency.

6. **Dog Park**

Chair Malecha reported that the metal signs have been installed at the Dog Park.

7. **Signage**

Mike Loven noted that signs still have to be made for the Dog Park and Dru's Garden. He also noted that Jack Schmidt has requested the Park Commission to place a sign at the Veteran's Memorial stating "no climbing on the memorial."

**COMMISSIONER NORDBY MOVED THAT THE SIGNS BE MADE OF WOOD SO THAT THE PARK SIGNS REMAIN SIMILAR THROUGHOUT THE CITY. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

8. **Flower Gardens**

Commissioner Ettesvold informed the Commission that she has planted plants under the sign at the Cole Memorial Building per the Historical Society's request. Ann Hutchins has offered to water the plants.

Commissioner Nagle stated that the garden on the south end of the park can be dismantled.

9. **Other Business**

The playground parking area was discussed.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER NAGLE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra A. Peine".

Sandra A. Peine

City Clerk