

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015
SIBLEY LAKE PARK**

Members Present: Chair Malecha, Commissioners Bruch, Nagel, Ettesvold, Nordby, and Ronning (Ettesvold and Bruch arrived late)

Members Absent: Commissioner Caouette

Also Present: Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; Sandy Peine, City Clerk and Dawn Bittner, Zoning Administrator/Administrative Specialist

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

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

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER NORDBY MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 11, 2015, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES AS READ. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. Sibley Lake Park

Lights in the Park

Commissioner Nordby had not had an opportunity to visit the park at dusk as it stays light out so late. She suggested a light on each end of the pavilion and one street light. Mr. Loven stated lights can be added if it is determined more are necessary.

It was suggested that the playground area could be on the south end of the park. This area is fairly level with a view of Sibley Lake.

It was the consensus of the Park Commission that the decision on lighting wait until the repair of the parking lot for the Babinski apartments is completed. There may be light from that lot shining on the Park. This should be placed on the September Park Commission Agenda.

Steps Plan

Sandy Peine explained the Lake Association needs a plan and the costs in order to apply for grants. Mike Loven pointed out that steps could be added at the south end of the trail for access or it could be graded and left natural.

COMMISSIONER RONNING MOVED TO REMOVE EXISTING STEPS, RE-VEGETATE HILLSIDE TO PREVENT EROSION, MOVE FISHING PIER TO THE NORTH, BUILD NEW STEPS TO PIER AND IMPROVE WALKWAY. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

It was the consensus of the Commission to leave the area as natural as possible. The step plan will be revisited in September.

5. **Signage – Dru’s Garden and Dog Park**

Mike Loven presented drawings for signs at Dru’s Garden, the Dog Park and the Memorial. They will be cedar signs for a cost of \$380.00.

COMMISSIONER NORDBY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE WOOD SIGNS AND COST. COMMISSIONER ETTEESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

6. **Other Business**

The playground parking area at Trailside Park was discussed. Mike Loven will report on his progress to gain permission to install asphalt with curb at an upcoming meeting.

The garden at the south end of Trailside Park was discussed. Commissioner Ettesvold reported that the Treehouse has taken out some of the day lilies and planted bushes in the center.

Sandy Peine advised the Commission that invitations will be sent out for the August 1 ribbon cutting for the Adams Family Playground.

Commissioner Bruch stated his disapproval of the Council moving forward with the expensive bathroom in the park. He may draft a letter to the Council once the bids are received.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Bittner
Zoning Administrator/Administrative Specialist