

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Malecha, Commissioners Ettesvold (5:05), Gibbons, and Nagel

Members Absent: Commissioner Bruch

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 5:00 pm.

2. Consider Agenda

The City Clerk requested to add item 7.5 – “Planning Commission Downtown Plan,” to the agenda.

COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

3. 6/12/2014 Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 6/12/2014 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4. Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway Presentation – Donna Stricker

Donna Stricker was not present.

5. Playground Equipment and Splash Park Updates

Chair Malecha noted that the splash park project is currently at a standstill and that she is continuing to look for funding. Council Member Gardner suggested that American National Bank be contacted.

Karen Ettesvold explained that she has been in contact with two playground representatives. She presented the Commission with playground ideas and costs. She noted that one of the vendors was willing to meet with the Park Commission at both Sibley Park and Trailside Park to get an idea of the size of the area. It was the consensus to request Karen to set up a meeting for July 17th at 5:00 p.m.

6. Park Commission Members

The City Clerk introduced Dan and Mary Ronning. She explained that they have submitted an application for the Park Commission.

7. Mayo Lake Park Open House

The Clerk stated that the open house is set for:

Date: September 27th

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Refreshments: Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda, Cookies

The Commission decided to move the date to Sunday, September 21st.

7.5. Planning Commission – Downtown Plan

The Clerk noted that the Planning Commission is meeting at the south parking lot at Trailside Park at 6:00 p.m. on July 17th to discuss Trailside Park in relation to the Downtown Plan. The Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Downtown Plan. The Park Commission decided to call a special meeting so that members of the Park Commission can attend.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBBONS MOVED TO CALL A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

1. JULY 17, 2014 AT 5:00 PM. TO MEET WITH PLAYGROUND REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MEET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE TRAILSIDE PARK IN RELATION TO THE UPDATE OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAN.

2. SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 AT 12:00 NOON TO HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE MAYO LAKE PARK PRESERVE.

COMMISSION ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

8. Dog Park Update

Mike Loven informed the Commission that the site location at Sibley Lake Park for the Dog Park is too small. A new area has been suggested at the City property located at the water tower. The Commission moved to the water tower site. Mike Loven had staked out an area for the dog park. The Commission concurred that the water tower property would be a better location due to size for the dog park.

COMMISSION GIBBONS MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE DOG PARK BE LOCATED AT THE WATER TOWER SITE. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The Commission was informed that Sheridan Wilson would be holding a fundraiser for the dog park on July 19th at the Jenkins VFW at 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Peine
City Clerk