

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Ronning, Commissioners Adams, Bruch, Bryan (arrived at 5:29), and Nagel

Members Absent: Commissioner Caouette

Also Present: Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; and Dawn Bittner, Zoning Specialist

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Consider Agenda

Commissioner Adams requested to add Park Bench Donation. Chair Ronning requested to add Bobber Park Water Tower, Skateboard Park Letter and General Questions.

COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 14, 2016, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. October 13, 2016 Meeting – Start Time

Dawn Bittner explained the Thriving Communities Initiative Training Session 2 is scheduled for October 13 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Cole Building.

COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO CHANGE THE MEETING TIME FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 2016 PARK COMMISSION MEETING TO 4:00 PM. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. Health Community Grant - Update

Dawn Bittner reported the brochure for Sibley Lake Park is progressing but is unhappy with the quality of the map she created. This map will need to be replaced in the future.

Commissioner Adams reported the new signs have been ordered from the DNR.

Mike Loven reported the benches and table have been installed. The bike racks and the concrete under the table have not been completed. The kiosk will be built.

6. Park Commission Vacancy

It was the consensus of the Park Commission that members should be residents, property owners or business owners. They would also like the City Administrator/Clerk to run an ad soliciting membership that would include other commissions. The Park Commission will continue to pursue applicants.

7. Other Business

Park Bench Donation:

Commissioner Adams and Dawn Bittner reported on conversations regarding memorial plaques and the donation of park benches as memorials. A memorial wall had also been suggested. Staff was directed to research the cost of the plaques, who would replace them when damaged and who is responsible when damaged. Rather than new benches, plaques should be placed on the benches we already have.

(Commissioner Bryan arrived)

Bobber Park Water Tower:

Chair Ronning asked if the Bobber Water Tower is lit at night; it is the logo for our town. Mike Loven stated there are 2 lights that shine on the water tower on timers. Mr. Loven explained the Chamber used to be responsible for the lights, but it is now a City expense. Chair Ronning stated the tower should be lit up; by not lighting it we are not showing pride in our community. Mr. Loven stated some people don't like it lit; clouds throw the light back down. A few years ago a time limit was set for keeping it lit. Chair Ronning stated the water tower needs to be a priority and directed Staff to propose the City Council address issues with lighting the water tower and with maintenance. Mr. Loven stated this will be discussed with the City Administrator/Clerk.

Commissioner Nagel stated a picture of our water tower is in the new Vikings stadium.

Skateboard Park Letter:

Chair Ronning explained an email he had received from Cooper Andersen while Dawn Bittner passed out copies to the other Commissioners. Chair Ronning stated Mr. Andersen has a relevant point; is anything being included in the

Master Park Plan for older children. Chair Ronning will respond to Mr. Cooper, explain the donated monies are designated for certain improvements, and ask Mr. Cooper to develop a plan and/or location for a skateboard park.

General Questions:

Chair Ronning stated there are numerous activities that take place in Trailside Park and wondered how to respond should someone ask a Park Commission Member about using the park. Dawn Bittner stated the City has developed a process for park reservations and all inquiries should be directed to City Hall.

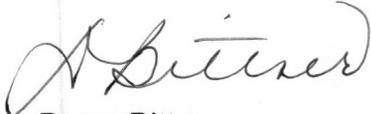
Commissioner Adams noted area events are included in the back of the Lake Country Journal and Crosslake's music was all listed. We should look into including our events in the future.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Bittner
Zoning Specialist