

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014  
TRAILSIDE PARK**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; Nancy Adams, Mayor; and Dawn Bittner, Planning and Zoning Administrator

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 9.1 – “Bright Red Bookshelf Project,” to the agenda.

**COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

3. 7/10/2014 and 7/17/2014 Park Commission Minutes

**COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 7/10/2014 AND 7/17/2014 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER RONNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

4. Budget Discussion

Mike Loven informed the Park Commission that there has been budget cuts to the 2015 preliminary budgets. He stated that the restroom for Trailside Park is still in the budget.

5. Playground Equipment/Splash Park

Mayor Adams stated that a family has offered \$75,000 for a playground to be located at Trailside Park and the City Council made a motion assigning \$5,000 toward a playground. The donors would like the playground to be visible from the highway. Mayor Adams stated that she is having the playground equipment design completed and will present it to the Park Commission in September and would like it to be presented to the Council in October. She stated that the playground equipment can be built yet this fall. It was the consensus of the Park Commission to move forward with the designing of the playground equipment.

The Park Commission suggested some type of fencing between the playground and the Highway. Mike Loven stated he would look into fencing styles and costs.

Chair Malecha stated that she would like to submit a grant application to the DNR for a splash park. She noted that the grant could include the playground, the restroom and the splash park. She explained that the playground and splash park could be used for the 50% matching funds. The deadline for the grant application is in January. Discussion took place regarding the timing of the grant awards and the timing of completing the playground equipment. Mayor Adams noted that the donors want the playground done as soon as possible and no later than May 1 of next year. Chair Malecha stated she would make a phone call to the DNR to see if she could find out when the grants would be awarded. If they are awarded prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, she would pursue the grant for the splash park. If the grants are awarded after May 1<sup>st</sup> the Park Commission would move forward immediately on the playground equipment.

The Park Commission requested Mike Loven to look into signs for the dog park, Dru's Garden, Bean Hole Days, and the Playground. Bronze signs were suggested as they would hold up better than wooden signs.

6. Trailside Park Plan

The City Clerk handed out a revised Trailside Park Plan. Dawn Bittner provided an update on the changes in the plan from last month. She stated that the Planning Commission and Park Commission met last month to review the plan and the changes requested by the Park Commission have been made. The Clerk requested the Park Commission to review the plan and send comments to her via e-mail. She indicated that she would put this on the September Park Commission agenda.

7. Dog Park

The Commission reviewed a set of rules for the dog park. It was suggested that the rules be given to Sheridan Wilson for her review and revisions.

8. Mayo Lake Park Open House

The Park Commission discussed the final details of the open house. It was suggested that an informational brochure on the park be done for the open house. It was also suggested that Mr. Ignatius O'Shaughnessy and Mr. John Erickson be personally invited. The Clerk was instructed to advertise for the open house in the paper.

9. Other Business

The City Clerk stated that the Early Childhood Coalition has requested to place a Red Bookshelf Bin in Gildner Park. This is a program that allows the redistribution of gently used children's books throughout the community.

**COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE RED BOOKSHELF BIN TO BE PLACED AT GILDNER PARK. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Peine  
City Clerk