

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012  
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Pete Clement, Commissioners Karen Ettesvold, Deana Doughty, Jeff Bruch and Patty Bonicatto

Also Present: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; Mayor Nancy Adams

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Clement.

2. 7/12/2012 Park Commission Minutes

**COMMISSIONER BONICATTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE 7/12/2012 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER DOUGHTY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

3. Sibley Lake Park Steps

Discussion was held regarding the poor repair of the steps at Sibley Lake Park. Chair Clement stated that the Sibley Lake Association is willing to donate man power to help repair the steps. Discussion was held regarding the poor condition of the steps and that they may be a liability to the City. The process to repair or replace the steps was discussed. It was the consensus to request the Zoning Administrator to explain in writing exactly what could be done to repair or replace the steps. It was also the consensus to get some ideas from landscapers after the Zoning Administrator presents the options. The Commission noted that a project like this would be expensive. The Commission decided to gather information and present it to the Council.

4. Mayo Lake Park

Mayor Adams stated that she has met with representatives of the property. She noted that there are restrictions on the property requiring that the property is owned by one owner. The Mayor also noted that a large portion of the property is located in Cass County. After checking with the City Attorney, it has been found that the City can own land outside of its jurisdiction. The Park Commission discussed the merit of acquiring the land. The Park Commission consented that the property could be used as a rustic park for hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY ACCEPT THE LAND FOR USE AS A RUSTIC PARK. COMMISSIONER DOUGHTY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

5. Trailside Park

It was the consensus of the Commission to meet at the picnic shelter at Trailside Park for the September meeting.

6. Master Park Plan

The Commission reviewed the proposed park plan revisions. The Commission recommended that the Planning Commission review the Park Plan prior to its submission to the City Council.

**COMMISSIONER BONICATTO MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PARK PLAN. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-1. COMMISSIONER BRUCH VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION.**

Commissioner Bruch noted that he felt the Park Plan was an unnecessary document.

7. Park Update

The Park Commission noted that the Memorial Tree located at Trailside Park for Del Anderson needs to be replaced. Commissioner Ettesvold noted that she would inform the Treehouse Nursery.

8. Other Business

Discussion was held regarding the need for public restrooms in Pequot Lakes.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine  
City Clerk