

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
TRAILSIDE PARK**

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

Also Present: Dawn Bittner, Zoning Administrator

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chair Clement.

2. 8/9/2012 Park Commission Minutes

It was pointed out that Item 6, Master Park Plan, the vote should read "MOTION CARRIED 4 – 1".

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE 8/9/2012 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES, AS CORRECTED. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. Trailside Park – Bushes on Northeast Corner

The Commission discussed removing all or part of the large bushes along the north end of the DNR Trail. Removing the bushes would open site lines along the Trail as well as reduce screening to businesses. The bushes are also colorful in the fall.

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO REMOVE ALL THE BUSHES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL AND TO KEEP THREE BUSHES ALONG THE EAST SIDE, BEGINNING WITH BUSH #2 AT THE NORTH END, KEEPING EVERY OTHER BUSH FOR A TOTAL OF THREE (3) BUSHES. COMMISSIONER CLEMENT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION FAILED 2 – 2 - 1. COMMISSIONERS BRUCH AND CLEMENT VOTED AYE; COMMISSIONERS ETTESVOLD AND BONICATTO VOTED NAY; COMMISSIONER DOUGHTY ABSTAINED.

COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO KEEP BUSH #2 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL, REMOVING THE REMAINDER OF THE BUSHES ON THE WEST SIDE AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE TRAIL TO KEEP BUSH #2 AT THE NORTH END AND REMOVE EVERY OTHER BUSH KEEPING A TOTAL OF THREE (3) BUSHES. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

The Commissioners moved to the south end of the Park near the Chamber building as there are a number of the same bushes there.

COMMISSIONER BONICATTO MOVED TO KEEP BUSH #1 ON THE WEST SIDE AT THE NORTH END OF THE BUSHES AND TO TRIM SAME, KEEP THE MAPLE TREE AT THE SOUTH END AND REMOVE THE REMAINING BUSHES IN BETWEEN AND ON THE EAST SIDE REMOVE ALL OF THE BUSHES EXCEPT THE LAST TREE, TRIMMING AS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

4. Sibley Lake Steps

Bittner explained why she recommended replacing the existing steps rather than reconfiguring them in a zigzag design and how new plants and landscaping could improve aesthetics and maintenance. Commissioner Ettesvold had received estimates from \$51,000 - \$91,000 for new steps. There may be grants available to help defray the cost. Commissioner Clement stated the Sibley Lake Association would donate the labor for the demolition of the existing steps.

It was the consensus of the Commission for each member to make a list of what they would like to see and submit at the October meeting. It was agreed that the City Council needs to be kept aware of the plans and the potential cost for same.

5. Memorial Trees Update

The location for the new Memorial Tree for Margaret Skog Nelson should be planted on the south side of the Memorial, south of the bench, south and west of the water faucet and east of the Trail. Final location dependent on the underground locates.

The lilac by the bench is dead and needs to be replaced.

6. Women's Club Disbanded – Flower Barrels

Bittner explained that the City had not received formal written notification of the Women's Club disbanding, but the City Clerk had wanted the Commission to be aware the Club will not be planting them next year. The Commission will discuss the future of the barrels at upcoming meetings. Efforts may be better spent elsewhere.

7. Other Business

Mike Loven, Public Utilities Supervisor, requested Bittner inform Commission the fiberglass is cracking on the Ox at Bobber Park. He will silicone the cracks.

Commissioner Bonicatto requested trimming of the evergreen trees in Trailside Park be included on the October Agenda.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Bittner
Zoning Administrator