

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Karen Ettesvold, Jeff Bruch; Cathy Malecha and Craig Nagel

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

2. 12/13/2012 Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE 12/13/2013 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. Welcome New Members

Introductions were made and Cathy Malecha and Craig Nagel were welcomed as new members.

4. Appoint President

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO NOMINATE CATHY MALECHA AS THE PARK COMMISSION CHAIR. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. Women's Club – Flower Barrels

Discussion was held regarding the flower barrels that were planted and maintained by the Women's Club. The Clerk stated that the Women's Club has disbanded and they will no longer be able to take care of the flower barrels in Trailside Park. Discussion was held regarding the required maintenance. The Commission discussed the idea of locating a number of barrels in one location on top of a patio and near the bike racks. This would prevent the need to mow and weed whip around the barrels. The Mayor noted that this may work, but at the present time, the City does not own the park. She stated that she is in discussions with the DNR regarding the possibility of the city acquiring the park from the DNR.

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO TABLE ANY DECISION ON THE FLOWER BARRELS UNTIL THE CITY FINDS OUT IF THE PARK LAND WILL BE ACQUIRED FROM THE DNR. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having a program to adopt a flower pot.

6. Park Land Donation

The City Clerk informed the members that the City has acquired a rustic park through a donation. She stated that the park is about 68 acres located near Mayo Lake in the City of Pequot Lake and Loon Lake Township. The Mayor stated that she has contacted some Boy Scouts regarding making the park an Eagle Scout Project. She suggested that the Scouts could mark a trail through the park. Chair Malecha suggested that the City Maintenance Department stake out the land in the spring.

Discussion was held regarding naming the park. It was suggested that whatever the name is, it should be associated with the City of Pequot Lakes and the fact that the park will be a rustic park.

Chair Malecha suggested that the Park Commissioners come to the next Park Commission meeting with some suggestions for names.

7. Bands in the Park Program

Discussion was held regarding the Bands in the Park Program. Chair Malecha suggested that the bands be scheduled as soon as possible. The Clerk noted that as soon as we can schedule the bands, we will be able to redesign the park brochure.

8. Dog Park

Nancy Adams stated that she has had a number of requests for a dog park. She suggested using Trailside North Park. The Commission stated they would discuss this at the next meeting.

9. Other Business

The Clerk stated that the City's Insurance Agent suggested that the bottom landing on the Sibley Lake Steps be repaired.

Mayor Adams stated that she has been contacted by a lady who would like to a Santa in the Park program at Trailside Park. The Mayor stated she would get more information and discuss this at the February agenda.

10. Adjournment

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

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The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk