

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

Members Present: Chair Malecha, Commissioners Bruch, and Ettesvold.

Members Absent: Commissioner Nagel and Gibbons

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRUCH AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE 9/12/2013 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4. Splash Park

Chair Malecha informed the Commission that the Council authorized the Park Commission to move forward with funding for the splash park. Chair Malecha is searching for grants and donations for the project. She noted that the project will not happen if the money is not raised.

5. Sibley Lake Park – Dog Park Update

Dave Lind from Sibley Lake Association was present. He addressed the Park Commission with concerns of the Sibley Lake Park. He noted that the Sibley Lake Association has formed a Lake Improvement District. They have some funds available and are contemplating whether they should use the funds for Sibley Lake Park. The Sibley Lake Park Association has replaced the bottom of the steps at the park but the rest of the steps are in major need of repair. They would like to help update the park but want to ensure that the steps will be replaced. He explained that the Association wants to be informed of what the City's intent is regarding upgrading the park.

Chair Malecha explained that the commission is currently working with a group of volunteers to build a dog park at Sibley Lake Park. She stated

that removing and replacing the light poles are in the 2014 budget. The City is working on a 5-year capital improvement plan in which the Sibley Lake Park steps are included for 2015.

The Clerk stated that she would keep Mr. Lind informed of Park Commission meetings.

6. Master Park Plan Review

It was the consensus of the Park Commission to discuss the updating of the Master Park Plan at the December Park Commission meeting.

7. Mayo Lake Nature Preserve

Mike Loven said that he will be cutting in the walking trail at Mayo Lake Nature Preserve in November. Commissioner Ettesvold and Mayor Adams volunteered to meet Mike at the park when he is ready to cut the trail in.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Ettesvold stated that it may be a good idea to somehow inform the public of the projects that the Park Commission is working on. She explained that there are people who would donate toward, or help with, the projects if they had more information. Discussion was held about updating the web site to include park projects that the Commission is working on.

Council Member Tyler brought up the issue of a skate board park. The Commission talked about the possibility of the City donating the land for the park. Council Member Gardner explained that Commissioner Gibbons would like the City to work toward a park that would include many amenities such as a skateboard area and a walking path.

Mayor Adams reminded the Park Commission that Sibley Lake Park was the Council's number one project that was listed during the Council's visioning work session.

The Commission also noted that it may be best to work on the existing projects prior to moving forward with the skate park at this time.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine

City Clerk