

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014
CITY HALL**

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Gibbons

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Consider Agenda

Chair Malecha added light parade float and Trailside Park bathrooms to the agenda under Other Business.

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

3. 10/9/14 Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER RONNING MOVED TO APPROVE THE 10/9/2014 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

4. Dog Park Update

Mayor Adams reported that the Babinski Foundation has completed the dog park fencing and donated the fence materials and labor. The Park Commission thanked the Babinski Foundation for the generous donation.

Sheridan Wilson and Wes Wilson were present. Sheridan informed the Commission that she has raised close to \$1,100 which she will be donating for amenities to the dog park. She stated she was very excited to see the park come to fruition.

The Commission discussed amenity options. The following amenities for the dog park were suggested:

- Trees –Any trees that would be colorful but no Pine Trees. Cathy Malecha suggested that Sheridan contact Jim Fruth as he may be able to order trees at a discount.

- Bags, Bag Dispenser. Mike Loven stated that the City recently put a bag dispenser and some bags at the park. It was suggested that one more bag dispenser and set of bags be purchased for the park.
- 3 Benches – Street Department employees can make them for \$100 each. One to be placed outside the fence and two inside the fenced area.
- Dog Silhouette Signs – Wes Wilson will contact someone who can make the silhouettes for \$100 each. Sheridan suggested using a recognizable dog such as a golden retriever or German shepherd and having one large dog and one smaller dog.
- Dog Rules sign and a sign to thank Babinski and Sheridan for the fence. Sheridan will modify rules and e-mail them to the Clerk who will pass them onto the Park Commission. If no objections, Mike Loven will have the signs made. It was suggested to place the thank you sign on the dog silhouette.
- Cement fire hydrant

Chair Malecha suggested that Sheridan to contact the Echo and ask them to do an article on the dog park and thanking the Babinski Foundation and Sheridan Wilson for their part in making the park a reality.

5. Splash Park Update

Chair Malecha informed the Park Commission that a \$5,000 anonymous donation has been made toward the splash park.

6. Sibley Lake Park Lighting

Mike Loven noted that the City has received complaints regarding the lack of lighting at Sibley Lake Park. He explained that the lights came down when the overhead wires were buried. Inexpensive light fixtures will be installed to get through the winter. After that more permanent lighting fixtures will be installed.

7. Winter Park Commission Meetings

The Clerk asked if the Commission wanted to continue meeting during the winter months. She stated that staff will be working on the Bands in the Park project during the winter. She also noted that the Park Brochure should be completed sometime in the spring.

It was the consensus of the Park Commission to meet in December and cancel the January and February Park Commission meetings.

8. Other Business

Mayor Adams stated that Park Commission volunteers are needed to build a float promoting Mayo Lake Nature Preserve. The float will be in the Light Parade to be

held on December 13th. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to meet on December 11th following the 5:00 p.m. Park Commission meeting to build the float.

Jeff Bruch updated the Commission on the Regional Park that Brenda Myers is promoting. He noted that at this point no progress has been made.

Mike Loven informed the Park Commissioners that the Trailside Park playground does not fit in the location that was planned due to infringement on MnDOT right-of-way. Mayor Adams informed the Commission that she is working with MnDOT to acquire a permit to allow the playground in the right-of-way. Commissioner Ettesvold questioned when the fencing style decision should be made. It was the consensus of the Commission to have Karen Ettesvold bring fencing samples to the March Park Commission meeting.

Chair Malecha stated that she believes two bathrooms are needed at Trailside Park rather than one. Billie Jean Caouette concurred due to the number of people that stop in her store and ask to use the bathroom. The Commission felt that with the playground and possibly a splash park, it would be best to build two bathrooms. Mayor Adams stated her concern about the size of two bathrooms. Mike Loven will get a blueprint and cost estimates for the bathrooms.

Commissioner Nagel suggested that the Park Commission continue to work with the Planning Commission so that both groups are on the same page regarding planning related to parks. The Clerk noted that she would add this to the March agenda for discussion.

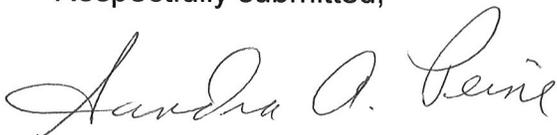
Commissioner Nagel gave an update on scenic byway meeting that he attended. The City was acknowledged for the work done on the fire tower years ago. The City was asked to promote the fire tower as a land mark in the City.

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra A. Peine
City Clerk