

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY14, 2013
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Karen Ettesvold, Josh Gibbons; Cathy Malecha and Craig Nagel

Members Absent: Jeff Bruch;

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order.

2. 1/10/2013 Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 1/10/2013 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. Welcome New Member

Josh Gibbons was welcomed as the new Park Commission member.

4. Flower Barrels

The Commission suggested that the shop owners along Government Drive adopt the flower barrels. The Commission suggested that the City purchase the flowers and that the shop owners maintain the flowers and barrels. Cathy Malecha and Nancy Adams volunteered to ask shop owners to take care of the flower barrels.

5. Bands in the Park Update

The Clerk noted that all of the summer weekends except for two have been booked for the Bands in the Park program. Chair Malecha stated that she would check with the college for a band and the Clerk stated she would check with Andy and Kyle to see if they would play on July 6th.

6. Park Brochure

The Clerk stated that Scott Pederson is redesigning and updating the Park Brochure. We hope to have it to the Park Commissioners for approval by the March meeting.

7. Mayo Lake Park

Jane Erickson was present and stated that she lives near the park. She suggested that there may be a need for some trash barrels and no littering signs.

The Commission members discussed park names. Council Member Gardner was available by SKYPE. Council Member Gardner suggested three names:

- South Mayo Nature Preserve
- Mayo Lake Nature Preserve
- Rustic Park

COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO NAME THE PARK MAYO LAKE NATURE PRESERVE. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

8. Dog Park

Sheridan Wilson, Grade 8 – Pequot Lakes Middle School stated that she is participates in 4H and is working with dogs on certain projects. She explained that one project she is considering is a dog park. She explained the concept of a dog park.

- Dog park would be a fenced in area
- The parks vary in sizes but would need at least an acre in size
- Allows dogs to be active
- Allows dogs to socialize
- Makes the town a good stopping point for dog owners
- Promotes responsible ownership of dogs
- Makes for a better community - people socializing and getting to know each other.

She noted that the Rules of a park would consist of the following:

- Hours - sunrise to sunset
- No aggressive dogs allowed
- Dogs must have current vaccinations
- Females in heat and dogs under 4 months prohibited
- Owners are liable for damages or injuries inflicted by their dog
- Owners are required to clean up after their dog
- No firearms
- Maximum of 2 dogs per handler
- No smoking or alcohol
- All personal property must be removed daily
- Owner must keep dog in sight AND Under control
- No littering

- All other city park rules apply
- Dogs must be leashed outside park perimeter
- Kids 12 years and younger must be supervised

Commissioner Nagel inquired as to a location for a dog park. Sheridan stated that she would like to see at least an acre or more of land and somewhere where there is easy access to water with a few trees and not by a main road.

Chair Malecha stated that the biggest issue will be finding the land for a dog park. The Babinski property (the old Crafter's Mall) was suggested. Mayor Adams stated she would contact Mr. Babinski regarding the suggestion.

9. Sibley Lake Park

Mayor Adams stated that she has contacted Community Growth regarding assistance in design improvements to Sibley Lake Park. She stated that she would be asking for suggestions for improvement to the park during the months of February and March. She would meet at the park on March 26th with staff, Community Growth, Council Member Gardner, any Park Commissioners, and anyone else who is interested, to walk the park and gather ideas.

The Commission decided to put together a survey to get ideas from surrounding properties as to what they would like to see at the park.

9. Other Business

Commission Nagel distributed a brochure on the town of Punta Gorda, Florida. The town is well known for its many colorful murals throughout the town. Commissioner Nagel suggested that something to this effect could be done in Pequot Lakes.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk