

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Malecha, and Commissioners Nagel, Ettesvold, and Gibbons

Members Absent: Commissioner Bruch

Also Present: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Nancy Adams, Mayor; Tyler Gardner, Council Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 3/14/2013 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4. Mayo Lake Nature Preserve

Discussion was held regarding signs to designate the perimeter of Mayo Lake Nature Preserve. The location of the signage was discussed. The Park Commissioners suggested that the signage should be placed at the main areas of the park. It was the consensus of the Park Commissioners that the signs are green in color and not be of a highly reflective material. The perimeter signs should read "City of Pequot Lakes." Discussion was also held regarding putting a gate at the entrance of the park.

Discussion was held regarding a sign depicting the rules of the park. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the sign read as follows:

Mayo Lake Park Preserve

- Open dawn to dusk
- Hunting not allowed
- No motorized vehicles
- Please place litter in cans

Enjoy the park

The Commission also noted that the sign should be green in color with a wood post and not of highly reflective material. The Commissioners suggested placing a bike rack at park entrance.

5. Trailside Park Purchase

Mayor Adams informed the Commissioners that the DNR has offered to sell the park to the City for \$3,547. The Clerk noted that there will be a deed restriction on the property related to the intended recreational trail purposes of the property.

Commissioner Ettesvold arrived at this time.

COMMISSIONER NAGEL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE PARK PROPERTY FROM THE DNR. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Commissioner Nagel thanked Mayor Adams for pursuing the purchase of the park. He noted that the City has been trying to gain ownership of the park for many years and has been unsuccessful.

6. Other Business

The Commissioners requested the Clerk to send the park survey results to those who will be attending the Sibley Lake Park meeting.

Discussion was held regarding people purchasing the steps for Sibley Lake Park and being allowed to place a memorial on each step that they purchase.

Mayor Adams stated that someone wanted to donate money for the Trailside park purchase. The Commission suggested that the donation be made to a splash park instead.

Discussion was held regarding locations for the bike rack at Trailside Park. The Commission stated that an earlier discussion had taken place about possibly locating the bike racks on a patio to eliminate the need to weed whip around each rack. It was suggested to place the racks at both ends of the park. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that Mike Loven works with Karen Ettesvold and Josh Gibbons regarding the locations of the bike racks and the fence at Trailside Park.

Council Member Tyler Gardner stated that the trees along the Paul Bunyan Trail are out of control and need trimming. He suggested that CLC students could assist and get horticulture credits for the work.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk