

**MINUTES FROM THE
PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2013
CITY HALL**

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Nagel

Also Present: Sandy Peine, City Clerk; Nancy Adams, Mayor; Tyler Gardner, Council Member; Dawn Bittner, Zoning Assistant; Chuck Marohn and Justin Burslie, Community Growth; Mike Loven, Public Works Supervisor; Officer Rich Hogan; Jacob Nygren, Neighbor

1. Sibley Park

The Commissioners met at Sibley Lake Park to discuss the future of the park.

Playground Equipment

- The existing equipment could be repaired and cleaned up a bit
- Consideration to possibly adding some new equipment
- Consideration to adding the new equipment to another park instead

Sell the Park?

- The park is under-utilized and over-vandalized

Develop the Park

- Develop the property (Chuck Marohn)
- Work with Developer – City offers land and developer constructs condominiums or other type of housing facing the lake
- Chuck Marohn talked about the neighborhood in relationship to the park

Light Posts

- Move light posts away from the road to widen the roadway
- Bury light posts underground

Steps

- Eliminate the steps
- Use switchback pathways to access the lake
- Remove bottom steps first (phased-in approach)

Dog Park

- Use part of the park for a dog park

Dock

- Move the dock to the north (Sibley Lake Association)

What Next

- Get costs associated with removing all steps
- Get costs associated for erosion control where steps were located
- Get costs associated with developing switch-back pathways to the lake
- Get costs associated with moving the fishing pier
- Get costs to upgrade playground equipment
- Have an appraisal of the property to find out what it is worth
- Costs to upgrade the toilets

2. Trailside Park

The group moved to Trailside Park.

- Recommendation to remove the fence
- Recommendation to locate bike racks and place on either asphalt or cement areas
- Recommendation to remove two trees along Paul Bunyan Trail

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk