

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013**  
**CITY HALL**

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Nagel

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Malecha called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Trailside Park – Fence and Bike Racks
- Other Business – Splash Park

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

3. Park Commission Minutes

**COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 4/11/2013 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

4. Mayo Lake Nature Preserve

Trail Locations:

Mike Loven explained that he and the Mayor met with the DNR to draw up a Forest Management Plan for Mayo Lake Park Preserve. He stated that the plan will have to be approved by the Minnesota Land Trust.

Parking lot location and size – when to visit

The Commission decided to tour the location to help in making a decision where the parking lot should be located.

Wood sign – parking lot

The Commission discussed putting up a wooden sign similar to the signs located at other City Parks. The sign would state the park name. It was the decision of the Commission not to up a wooden sign at this time as there are already going to be signs located in the park stating the park name.

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO MEET AT CITY HALL AND THEN DRIVE TO MAYO LAKE PARK PRESERVE AT THE NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

5. Trailside Park

Cedar trees

Mike Loven noted that the deer have eaten the cedar trees from the bottom up. It was the consensus of the Commission to trim the limbs up from where the deer have been eating.

Gardens

Discussion was held regarding the flower garden located by the highway on the south side of the park. It was noted that although the Tree House Nursery planted new plants in the garden last year, the garden is too large to take care of and there is no water near the garden.

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE GARDEN AND SALVAGE WHATEVER PLANTS CAN BE SALVAGED AND TO FILL THE GARDEN AREA WITH GRASS. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Barrels (flowers) Cost to purchase - \$543.76

The Clerk informed the Commissioners that the City purchased flowers to be placed in the flower barrels. The cost of the flowers was \$543.76. She stated that a donation of \$250 has been made to offset the price of the flowers. The Clerk stated that students will plant the flowers and business owners have committed to taking care of the planters.

Split Rail Fence

Discussion was held regarding the fence and whether or not it should be removed.

**COMMISSIONER BRUCH MOVED TO REMOVE THE SPLIT RAIL FENCE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARK ALONG THE PARK AND GOVERNMENT DRIVE. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Bike Racks

Discussion was held regarding where the bike racks should be located. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to locate the bike racks by the two crosswalks. It was also the consensus that an oval pad of asphalt or concrete be made for the bike racks.

6. Sibley Lake Park – Park Tour Update

#### Play ground equipment

- It was the consensus of the Commissioners to clean up the existing playground equipment and repair the slide.

#### Steps

Mark Jurchen was present representing the Sibley Lake Association. He explained that the Association is concerned about having a quality park and noted that they are willing to look at some major funding for the park. Mr. Jurchen noted that the Sibley Lake Association has already approved \$3,000 to repair the bottom steps and may be willing to contribute more for a major repair of the steps. Mr. Jurchen noted that the Association is not in favor of selling the park.

It was noted that a rough estimate to replace the steps is anywhere from \$52,000 to \$92,000 depending on the type of steps.

**COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO GET AN ESTIMATE TO REPLACE THE BOTTOM OF THE STEPS. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Mark Jurchen indicated he would get the estimate to replace the steps.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of vandalism that has taken place at the park. It was the consensus that security cameras should be placed at the park.

It was the consensus of the Commission to begin research for possible grants to replace the Sibley Lake steps. Mark Jurchen and Sandy Peine will research.

#### **Sell the Park**

It was the consensus of the Park Commission that they are not in favor of selling the park at this.

#### **Develop the Park**

It was the consensus of the Park Commission that development of the park is not an option they want to consider.

#### **Light Posts**

Mike will research costs and present at the June Park Commission meeting.

#### **Switch-Back**

Mike Loven's department will complete this item.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD TO HAVE THE STREET DEPARTMENT BUILD THE SWITCHBACK. COMMISSIONER BRUCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Dog Park

Discussion was held about the possibility of a dog park at the South end of the park. It was the consensus of the Commission to contact Wes Wilson's daughter to assist in drawing up a plan for the dog park. Commissioners Gibbons and Ettesvold volunteered to meet with Mr. Wilson's daughter prior to the next Park Commission meeting to discuss the concept of a dog park at Sibley Lake Park.

Dock at Sibley Lake

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to not move the dock at this time.

Steps North of the Fishing Pier

It was the consensus to remove the nails and remove one step.

Toilets

Discussion was held on the condition of the toilets. No action taken.

7. Bobber Park – Flowers

Commissioner Ettesvold stated that she will take care of planting the plants in the planters at Bobber Park. She suggested New Guinea Impatiens.

8. Other Business

Splash Park

Chair Malecha stated that people in the community are wondering if we going to move forward with a Splash Park. If so, we need to find a location. The Commission discussed the issue and felt that a good location would be at the corner across from SNAP Fitness. Chair Malecha noted that Council Member Sjoblad has heard from the banks that they would be willing to donate toward this purchase. It was the consensus that where ever it will be located there will be a need for a bathroom. Size was also discussed.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine  
City Clerk