

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

Members Present: Commissioners Ettesvold, Nagel, Bruch, and Gibbons

Members Absent: Chair Malecha

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Bruch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 6/13/2013 PARK COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

5. Trailside Park

- Bike Racks - Mike Loven asked the Commissioners to confirm the location of the bike racks and the material and shape of the bike rack pads. After much discussion, the Park Commission indicated that they would like the bike racks to be located at the Crosswalks and that the pads should be made of concrete in a rectangular shape.

COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE MIKE LOVEN TO INSTALL THE BIKE RACKS AT THE CROSSWALKS WITH THE BIKE PADS MADE OF CONCRETE AND IN A RETANGULAR SHAPE. COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0,

- Irrigation System – Mike Loven informed the Commission that the irrigation system on the north end of Trailside Park has been installed and is working.
- Trailside Park Acquisition Update – Clerk Peine stated that she is still working with the DNR to finalize the City's acquisition of Trailside Park.

5. Mayo Lake Nature Preserve

Mike Loven informed the commissioners that the perimeter signs have been put in at Mayo Lake Nature Preserve. He noted that the proposed parking lot has been approved by Loon Lake Township and will be sent to the Minnesota Land Trust for approval.

6. Other Business

Sibley Lake Park

Mayor Adams stated she felt it was important to bury the overhead wires at Sibley Lake Park and to enlarge the street. She noted that it is important to make these improvements if we expect people to use the park. Further discussion was held by the Park Commissioners relating to the improvements.

COMMISSIONER ETTESVOLD MOVED TO INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE 2014 BUDGET FOR BURYING THE OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINES AND EXPANDING THE STREET. COMMISSIONER GIBBONS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Splash Park

Discussion was held regarding the building of a splash park. The Commission discussed funding for the park. The Commission felt that a splash park is an idea they would like to pursue. They also noted that location and funding were both issues that would have to be considered. The Mayor noted that fundraising could be done by a private group but not by the City.

COMMISSIONER GIBBONS MOVED TO ENDORSE THE IDEA OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO PROMOTE A FUNDRAISING PROJECT FOR THE BUILDING OF A SPLASH PARK. COMMISSIONER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. Sibley Lake Park – Dog Park

The Commission moved its location to Sibley Lake Park. Sheridan Wilson was present. Sheridan suggested a size and location for the dog park. She explained that her 4-H Club is taking on the project and hopes to raise the money to construct the fenced-in area for the dogs. Discussion was held regarding the height of the fence. It was decided on a 5' fence. Sheridan will be checking on the cost for the fencing materials installation costs for the fence.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Peine
City Clerk