

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Chair Ronning, Commissioners Boucher, Churack, Johnson, Melby and Schweinler,

Members Absent: Commissioners Sjoblad

Also Present: Dawn Bittner, Zoning Specialist; Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Assistant

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Ronning called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

COMMISSIONER MELBY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2020, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES AS READ. COMMISSIONER BOUCHER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

4. Armed Services Flag Display

Ms. Bittner gave an update on the progress of the project. Ms. Bittner stated that Nancy Malecha and Jason Gorr are in the process of getting two bids for the project. Ms. Malecha and Mr. Gorr will bring both proposals to the Commission in July. The project will start after Labor Day due to events happening in the park during the summer.

5. Bands in the Park

Ms. Peterson stated the July 4th parade has been cancelled. She asked the Commission their opinion on a start time for the band on that day. The original start time was immediately following the parade, which would have been approximately 1:00 pm and the consensus of the Commission was to start the band at 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Ms. Peterson stated that due to COVID-19, the Community Action street dance on August 1, 2020 is cancelled. The consensus of the Commission is to have a band that night. Ms. Peterson will start to reach out to find a band for that evening and will let the Commission know once we find one.

Ms. Peterson asked each of the Commission members to be responsible for a weekend this summer for the Bands in the Park program. Each member volunteered for a date, which includes being the contact for the band that day and being responsible for getting the band evaluations completed.

6. Dark Sky Parks

Chair Ronning received a letter and gave an overview of Dark Sky Parks. Conversation ensued regarding the possibility of Mayo Lake Park being the spot for a Dark Sky Park, however, the consensus of the Commission is the City of Pequot Lakes does not have enough acreage and the application process is very extensive so the subject is tabled at this time until researched further.

7. Government Drive Holiday Lighting

Ms. Bittner stated that Mr. Gorr has met with an electrician, and have installed new receptacles along Government Drive and the band shell since they had to run power to flag display. Chair Ronning asked about the light posts in the park, Ms. Bittner stated that replacement posts are in the Capital Improvement Plan.

8. Art in the Park

Ms. Bittner stated that she and Ms. Malecha discussed whether or not there are new pieces in the display. The City has not received any waivers regarding the pieces, which was the agreement with the prior teacher. Ms. Bittner asked if this is something we should continue doing. Discussion ensued and consensus is to contact the art teacher at the Pequot Lakes High School regarding continuing this project.

9. Next Meeting

The next Park Commission meeting will be July 9, 2020. Chair Ronning inquired as to who will all be able to attend. All Commissioner's in attendance will be at the July 9, 2020 as of today.

10. Other Business

Chair Ronning stated he received a letter requesting pickleball courts in Pequot Lakes. Discussion ensued regarding location possibilities and interest. Chair

Ronning will contact the school regarding the possibility of revamping their tennis courts and research the amount of interest for having a pickleball court.

Chair Ronning stated he has not heard back from his contact for the silhouettes in the dog park. Ms. Bittner will research silhouettes and get back to the Commission for the July meeting regarding different possibilities.

Chair Ronning wanted to give a kudos to the Public Works Department, James from Faithboost and Community Action for the amazing looking benches throughout the City.

Chair Ronning inquired about the progress of the Bean Hole fence area. Ms. Bittner stated that Mr. Gorr is working on the project.

Commissioner Johnson gave an overview of the Bean Hole Days event.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER SCHWEINLER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Peterson
Administrative Assistant