

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020  
CITY HALL**

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

Members Absent: Commissioners Melby and Sjoblad

Also Present: Dawn Bittner, Zoning Specialist; Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Assistant; Mimi Swanson, Council Liaison

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Ronning called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

**COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED TO ADD ITEM 8, BEAN HOLE FENCE QUOTE. COMMISSIONER CHURACK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

3. Park Commission Minutes

**COMMISSIONER CHURACK MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 11, 2020, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES AS READ. COMMISSIONER SCHWEINLER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

4. Pickleball Court

Chair Ronning spoke with Jan Blessner regarding getting pickleball courts in the community. Chair Ronning called the school and was referred to Community Education Department. Chair Ronning spoke with Rich Spiczka regarding the project. Mr. Spiczka will speak with the school to see if it is possible to get the tennis court revamped to allow pickleball and the possibility of establishing a league. Mr. Spiczka will get back to Chair Ronning within the next two weeks.

Mr. Gorr stated that Nathan from Outdoor Specialties from Pine River, has painted several of the courts in the area.

Ms. Swanson stated, when the original plans for Trailside Park were being discussed, the City Council discussed a possibility of establishing a pickleball court on the south end of Trailside park. She said she plays in Nisswa and there is plenty of interest in pickleball leagues.

5. Dog Park

5.1 Silhouettes, Update by Bittner

Ms. Bittner stated she only found one company on the internet that carried the large silhouettes. Each silhouette is \$110 plus \$15 shipping. Ms. Bittner suggested the Park Commission use the Excel Energy Franchise fees to pay for the silhouettes.

Discussion ensued regarding how many silhouettes and which type of dogs should be ordered. The consensus of the Commission was to order 5 different dogs: Lab, Shepherd, Poodle, Golden Retriever, Bulldog and 2 bones for the Dog Park. Commissioners Boucher and Schweinler volunteered to research further on the silhouettes and get a plan to Ms. Bittner.

6. Armed Services Flag Display

6.1 Review quotes & make recommendation to Council

Ms. Bittner gave an overview of both quotes from Falls Flag Source and Coil's Flag, Flagpoles, & Custom Embroidery for the Flag Display. Discussion ensued regarding the type of poles, design, installation and estimates.

**COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE FALLS FLAG SOURCE QUOTE TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO COMPLETE THE WORK ON THE ARMED SERVICES FLAG DISPLAY. COMMISSIONER SCHWEINLER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

6.2 Inform Legion of Plans

Chair Ronning will contact Jack Schmidt at the American Legion regarding the recommendation to the City Council for the estimate and the City will be moving forward after Council approval.

7. Quarterly Budget Information

Chair Ronning stated we are way under our budget and he asked if there were any questions regarding the budget. Ms. Bittner requested if there are any questions with the budget, please ask either Ms. Peterson or her before the meeting so we can have the answers for the meeting. No one had any concerns on the budget that was presented.

8. Bean Hole Fence Quote

Ms. Bittner presented the Bean Hole Fence quote to improve the look of the burial area. She stated the Public Works Department plans to erect the new

fence after Bean Hole Days is done. Franchise fees will be used to purchase the materials.

Mr. Gorr stated it is perfect timing to get the approval to move forward with the plan to reconstruct a better barrier for the Bean Hole Pit.

Discussion ensued regarding the quote and fence. The Commission's consensus at the May 14, 2020 meeting was to go with the cedar fence.

**COMMISSIONER CHURACK MOVED TO APPROVE THE QUOTE AND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

9. Other Business

Chair Ronning asked the Commission if anyone would be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm for the new bike repair station at the Chamber building. Commissioners Churack, Boucher and Schweinler will be in attendance. Ms. Bittner will post the Notice of Quorum.

Chair Ronning has received calls regarding the lighting of the Betsy Ross American Flag. Discussion ensued regarding the proper etiquette for lighting any American Flag. Mr. Gorr will get an estimate for the cost of lighting the flag and do research on the etiquette.

Chair Ronning inquired about the Art in the Park. Commissioner Churack stated there was a Facebook post of the art teacher and the owner of Red Ruby Gallery and Gifts were adding new art. Mr. Gorr stated he did see people switching out the art but was uncertain who it was and who is responsible. Discussion ensued regarding the art, who is responsible, waivers and content of the art. Ms. Bittner is going to look into the waivers and the process that was originally agreed to. Commissioner Churack is going to follow up with the art teacher at the high school regarding the pieces that have recently been placed.

Chair Ronning reiterated that there is no rain-out location for the Bands in the Park to the Commission. Ms. Peterson stated that the band will change for July 11, 2020 from Rockin' Hill to Texas Hired Hands. She also gave a kudos to Chair Ronning from Rockin' Bakken.

Chair Ronning inquired about the condition of the turf around the flag display. There are many weeds and not a whole lot of grass. Mr. Gorr explained there is no irrigation in this area, we have drought conditions this season, it does take time to grow substantial turf, he is also working within a budget and please just

have patience. Commissioner Johnson stated that at this time, grass seed will not grow and we will have to wait until fall to reseed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gorr stated that the Community Sign has fallen down and will be repaired as best they can and put up again. Discussion ensued regarding a possible different sign. Chair Ronning asked Ms. Bittner to put the subject on the August Park Commission Meeting agenda.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER CHURACK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Peterson  
Administrative Assistant