



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Date: August 4, 2020

Subject: South Sluetter Road Quit Claim Deed/Donation

Report: In 2017, Tom Peterson, on behalf of Gary and Jaculin Peterson, approached the City stating his parents receive real estate tax statements for a portion of South Sluetter Road and requested being released from the taxes. He was advised ownership would need to be transferred to the City conveying title to the property in question for them to no longer be responsible to pay real estate taxes.

In 2019, Gary Peterson contacted the City after receiving a letter dated June 20, 2019, in which a third party offered to purchase a parcel of property described as Outlot B, Mayoville Estates, also known as part of South Sluetter Road. Mr. Peterson wondered if the City had an interest in purchasing Outlot B. The City reviewed ownership records of Outlot B and determined there may have been some miscommunication at the time of annexation between Sibley Township and the City as to what portions of South Sluetter Road were to be publicly maintained. Sibley Town Board passed a resolution in April of 1991 finding the northern ¼ mile (more or less) of South Sluetter Road was to be a duly-established township road. However, the portion of South Sluetter Road located on Outlot B was not a part of the road designated as a township road in 1991.

The City contacted Gary Peterson several times regarding his plan to either transfer ownership to the City or the City would cease maintenance of Outlot B. Mr. Peterson has provided a Quit Claim Deed conveying ownership of Outlot B, Mayoville Estates, to the City.

The City Attorney has been consulted and advised Staff of the Quit Claim Deed process.

Council Action Requested: Council motion adopting the attached resolution accepting the donation of Outlot B, Mayoville Estates. A two-thirds vote of the Council is required to adopt this resolution.

**CITY OF PEQUOT LAKES
RESOLUTION 20-__**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SOUTH SLUETTER ROAD

WHEREAS, the City of Pequot Lakes (City) is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Peterson and Jaculin M. Peterson (Donor) are the owners of real estate described as Outlot B, Peterson's Mayoville Estates, commonly known as "South Sluetter Road"; and

WHEREAS, the Donor wishes to make a donation of Outlot B, Peterson's Mayoville Estates to the City, as noted on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City has been maintaining South Sluetter Road since the orderly annexation of Sibley Township in 2002, even though it is not public property; and

WHEREAS, the Donor requests the City to continue maintenance of South Sluetter Road; the City Attorney was consulted and advised the City of the Quit Claim Deed process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PEQUOT LAKES, MINNESOTA that the donation described above is hereby graciously accepted by the City of Pequot Lakes and shall continue to be utilized as a City road under the terms and conditions expressed herein.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Pequot Lakes this 4th day of August, 2020.

James Tayloe
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angie Duus
City Clerk/Treasurer



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EXHIBIT "A"



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