

**PEQUOT LAKES PARK COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022
CITY HALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Boucher, Clement, Lind, Melby and Moeller

Members Absent: Chair Johnson, Commissioner Churack

Also Present: Angie Duus, City Clerk/Treasurer; Nick Roy, Lead Maintenance;
and Cheri Seils, Council Liaison

1. Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Melby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

COMMISSIONER CLEMENT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER LIND SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. Park Commission Minutes

COMMISSIONER LIND MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2022; PARK COMMISSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CLEMENT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

4. Holiday Decorations Update

Angie Duus informed the Commission that Matt Lottman volunteered to help decorate Trailside park with Christmas lights and he has several volunteers to help as well. Nick Roy said they will light the Mayors Christmas tree the night of the Santa Bobbin Parade. Ms. Duus informed the Commission there is \$2,900 left in the budget for Christmas lights.

5. Splash Pad Update

Nick Roy gave an update on the equipment at the splashpad. He said there are eight pop ups and a few that shoot in a direction. He stated that we are still waiting on parts and the cabinet that covers up the plumbing.

6. Santa's Bobbin into Town Float

Nick Roy stated last year the Commission borrowed a generator for the parade and there was talk about buying one. Discussion ensued about if it is worth buying a generator and the consensus was that it would not get used enough.

Discussion ensued about a tree for the float. Commission consensus was to move the November meeting to December 8th at 6:00 pm to decorate the float. Commissioner Melby stated he has the trailer for the float and the truck if the weather is good. Commissioner Lind said his truck can be used as a back up if the weather is bad and he volunteered his generator for the float. Mr. Roy asked if they wanted two benches and pots again and the commission agreed. Discussion ensued about the carolers being on the float again. Ms. Duus said there is a note that they volunteered to do it again and Jeanne Haurum has made hats and scarves for the participants. The Commission confirmed the decorating will be on December 8th, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

7. General Parks Updates

Nick Roy informed the Commission that everything is winterized. Discussion ensued about the dog park about holes and the lack of grass. Mr. Roy stated it is hard to keep up on the maintenance with the amount of use the park sees.

Ms. Duus stated Todd Knutson sent an email stated he still intends on having students create a sign that says "Next Beanhole Days" with a place for a changeable date. Mr. Knutson's email also stated he spoke with Art Club students about Art in the Park and those interested in doing a painting are currently working on designs with the intent to replace them in the spring.

Ms. Duus presented a potential poster or flyer that could be used for Bands in the Park for advertising. Ms. Duus asked if they would like to budget for the flyer and the Commission asked for costs for the flyer and discussed where they could place the flyers.

Discussion ensued about the walking path down to Sibley. Discussion ensued that the steps have been removed. Discussion ensued about making it handicap accessible and it was discussed to put it the budget. Ms. Duus informed the Commission that the Council approved to give them \$20,000 of the ARPA funds and the commission discussed potentially using that for Sibley. Ms. Duus explained the ARPA funds were money granted to the City because of Covid.

Mr. Roy stated the Paul Bunyan chair is up and done. He said it is set and bolted to the concrete.

8. Park Commission Members Term Expirations

Commissioner Melby said his term is up and he will not be applying again. Commissioner Moeller stated he will not be reapplying. Ms. Duus stated that Kent Johnson will be resigning as he cannot get to the meetings at five.

Discussion ensued that the Mayor could appoint someone at the next Council meeting to replace Mr. Johnson since he has resigned.

9. Next meeting – November 28, 2022

Commissioner Melby reminded them that the next meeting would be for decorating on December 8th, 2022.

10. Other Business

Mr. Roy stated that the parking lot should be blocked off somewhat once the splash pad opens next spring so trucks cannot get in there. Discussion ensued about the test section on Patriot.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business. **COMISSIONER MOELLER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMISSIONER LIND SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Duus
City Clerk/Treasurer