

TRAILSIDE PARK DISCUSSION NOTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Due to lack of quorum there were no decisions made. The following are notes prepared by Dawn Bittner.

Present: Park Commission Members Johnson, Melby and Sjoblad; Nancy Malecha, City Administrator; Jason Gorr, Public Works Director; Katie Wassermann, Pequot Lakes Chamber and Bean Hole Committee; Cindy Hidde, Bean Hole Committee Co-Chair; and Dawn Bittner, Zoning Specialist.

Bean Hole Pit:

- Suggested 6' chain link fence with some type of screening, such as decorative art, mural, Bobber signs, railroad history and/or Bean Hole Days history;
- Access to pit is only concern of Bean Hole Committee;
- Jason stated removable sections of fencing that could be pulled out with loader; sections would be removed from site until replaced day after Bean Hole Days;
- Cindy stated whatever is used to cover the pit area needs to be heat proof as the cover is placed over the bean pots while they cook;
- Jason will provide the design and cost estimate.

Community Sign:

- New location will be decided once the flag display is installed;
- The crab apple trees along Patriot Avenue may need to be removed to provide visual access to passing motorists to sign.

Christmas Holiday Decorations:

- Katie has a plan for the Chamber building and south end of Trailside Park; 42" wreaths, solar lights, strings of lights on roofline of building and on fences;
- Trees to decorate with lights on north side of Trailside Park: spruce tree northeast of band shell; band shell; spruce tree between flag display and band shell; candy canes on light poles discussed, poles not sturdy enough to hold decorations, use of tri-pod bases discussed; gift boxes, stars, candy canes could be built inexpensively; make the back of the band shell the focal point for decorations; lights on the 2 bushes at front of band shell; backs of the 2 benches along the walking path south of the Veterans Memorial; tree north of the Veterans Memorial; bench south of picnic shelter; 3 sides of picnic shelter roofline; candy canes on picnic shelter posts; lighted garland along playground fence;
- Dawn will provide a map of the above locations.

Splash Pad:

- Jason explained the new proposed location on the flat area just south of the picnic shelter; the group agreed this would be a better location;
- Fencing from the playground should be extended past the splash pad location also.

Veterans Memorial:

- Nancy explained she had met with Jack Schmidt and the Legion would like to replace the paving bricks with new ones; they would like to straighten the walk, placing the paving bricks on cement to keep them level;
- It was suggested that the walkway be looped around to the walking path between the 2 benches; this would make it handicap accessible.