

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
May 11, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeanette Morgan, Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, Laura Carpentier, and Shelly Narum

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Planner Benjamin Baker

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kodada called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

**2. AGENDA**

A motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Narum to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**3. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Morgan to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2010 meeting. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. Update on Central Street (Hwy 19) Sidewalk Project

Baker stated that the City of Lonsdale plans to construct a new sidewalk along the south side of Hwy 19 from Third Avenue SW to Caseys General Store (between Second & Third Avenue SE). He mentioned that a portion of the project cost, \$77,000, will come from the Park Development Fund that was budgeted for over the last couple of years. He said that construction bids will be awarded at the May 27<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and the project should be completed by late July or early August. Baker mentioned that in August and September, MnDOT will be doing culvert work, adding bypass lanes, and milling/overlaying Hwy 19 from Third Avenue SE westward to near the LeSueur County line.

- b. Update on Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant Meeting  
Baker said that representatives from Rice County, Northfield, and Lonsdale met together on April 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to best use a \$20,000 SHIP grant for Rice County. He said that group suggested designating \$5,000 toward bicycle/pedestrian education and \$15,000 toward county-wide directional signage. Baker mentioned that each governmental entity had a little different idea on what types of signs should be used with the SHIP money.

Baker provided the Park Board with a Londale Trail Map Plan showing potential mileage markers and strategically located trailhead kiosks. He said that the plan calls for 33 fiberglass trail markers and 5 trailhead kiosks. Baker stated that although the plan would be a great addition to the Lonsdale trail system, funding may come up short if the \$15,000 is divided up amongst each Rice County entity proportional to its population. Ziskovsky stated that the outdoor trailhead kiosks displaying trail information should be a higher priority than the trail markers because painted mileage markings could be easily sprayed onto the trails. The rest of the Board agreed, and they directed City staff to ask for trailhead kiosk funding first before trail mileage markers.

The Park Board briefly discussed different Hwy 19 crossing ideas to connect trails on the north-side of town to the south-side of town.

- c. Recap on Recent Tree Planting Events (Arbor Day 2010, Tree Nursery, and City Park Trees)

Baker presented pictures from the April 28<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day Event at Montgomery-Lonsdale East Elementary School, from the Tree City USA presentation at the April 29<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, and of the new trees at Sticha Park and along Idaho Street. Ziskovsky recapped the details of this year's Arbor Day and tree nursery planting events. Baker noted that Jeff Heller also planted an extra 50 DNR trees at the City's tree nursery site.

- d. Discuss MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Program & Welcome Sign Lighting

Baker stated that Steele-Waseca contacted him earlier in the day and said that they will be able to donate a transformer for the welcome sign lights on the east end of Hwy 19. He said that the City would be responsible for installing the 40 ft. of wire and lights. He said that the City also applied for a MVEC Operation Round Up grant to help with the cost of installing lights on the western welcome sign. Baker mentioned that the City could also consider using solar lights.

Baker presented the Board with a soil survey and base map produced by MnDOT. The Park Board along with Garden Club Member Fran Sticha went on to discuss more landscaping ideas for the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Program. The group agreed with Carpentier's sketch plan that showed a retaining wall in front, evergreen trees behind, and rocks scattered around the signs. The

group decided to all come back to their next meeting with five ideas of specific flowers, plantings, or colors that they want to see added into the landscape design.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

Baker stated that the Adopt-a-Bench name plates just shipped today. He also mentioned that the Public Works Director is obtaining quotes for the remaining unpaved trail section along CSAH 33 directly north of Bluff Height Drive.

Narum updated the Board on the status of a possible community garden at the Villages of Lonsdale.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner