

MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
September 9, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Kodada, Chris Kraimer, and Laura Carpentier

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chad Vosejka and Tony Churchill

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker and Parks Maintenance Worker Jeff Heller

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kodada called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm in the Conference Room at 415 Central Street West.

2. AGENDA

Kodada asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Baker asked if the October-November-December Green Team application could be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Vote for: Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 regular meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Duban, 800 8th Avenue NW, stated that a picnic table should be added at the intersection of County Road # 4 and 10th Avenue NW.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on CSAH 33 Trail Connection Project

Baker stated that the Council approved the CSAH # 33 Trail plans and advertisement for bids. He said that the advertisement was already in the newspaper and the Council would probably award the project at the September

25th meeting. He said the project will most likely be completed around Thanksgiving.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resignation Letter from Chad Vosejka

Kodada stated that Chad Vosejka is currently attending school in Mankato on Tuesday nights and therefore he will not be able to attend the monthly Park Board meetings.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to accept the resignation letter from Chad Vosejka and recommend advertising for another Park and Recreation Board member. Vote for: Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

b. Discuss Improvement to the Tennis Court at Trena Memorial Park

Baker stated that at the last Park Board meeting, the Board briefly discussed the future of the tennis court at Trena Memorial Park. He said that City staff and the Board agreed that enough funds for new courts might not be available for awhile. He reminded the Board that they discussed improving the current court even though it faces east-west. Jeff Heller presented a quote from C & H Sport Surface for \$5,8000 to clean and color coat the tennis court surface.

Baker said that staff was recently contacted by Bo Young, 445 8th Avenue SW, requesting the City to look at resurfacing the current tennis court. Baker said that Mr. Young plays tennis regularly in a USTA league at the University of Minnesota. Baker stated that Mr. Young was present at the meeting. Kodada invited Young to relay his comments.

Mr. Young stated that he has been a resident of Lonsdale for seven years. He said that his family moved to Lonsdale because of its rural setting, but he did not anticipate the lack of recreational options for kids. He said the kids in the Heritage Estates neighborhood play tennis and hockey in the street. He said that we aren't providing enough activities for the kids and as a community we can do better. Young mentioned a couple of recommendation for the Park Board to consider. He stated that the current tennis net is approximately 3" to 4" too high. He suggested lowering the net or adding an asphalt surface over the concrete. Young stated that resurfacing the court should be a top priority. He said that even though the court faces east-west, the sun isn't much of a factor. He said that a large tree blocks some of the sun too. Young also suggested that a tennis court could be added along with any future paving of the Jaycee Park ice rink. He said that he understands that budgets are tight and that is why the City needs to provide multi-function facilities to open up more options. He said that if the rink is paved, kids can play basketball, roller hockey, and tennis during the warmer months. Kodada said that the City recently received quotes for paving the rink and fixing the boards totaling about \$80,000. Young stated that Lonsdale also needs to install a 12' x 20' practice wall somewhere to hit tennis balls against.

Young also mentioned that lighting could be placed at the current court on the two existing poles. He said that the poles are tall enough and the lights could be hooked to a timer and switch. Young also suggested adding a gate so players can chase down balls hit outside the court area easier. The Board thanked Young for attending the meeting and for his sharing his thoughts.

c. Discuss “Dog Park” at the Jaycee Park Outside Ice Rink
(This item was not discussed)

d. Consider Approval of Holy Cross Catholic School as the October-November-December Green Team

Baker stated that Holy Cross’s application was received by the City on March 31, 2008. He said that Holy Cross marked October-November-December as their priority recycling months. Carpentier asked if schools could participate in the Green Team program. Kodada said that the school was non-profit.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to recommend approval of Holy Cross as the October-November-December Green Team. Vote for: Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner