

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
June 10, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tony Churchill, Kevin Kodada, and Chris Kraimer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chad Vosejpka and Laura Carpentier

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Planner Benjamin Baker and Maintenance Worker Jeff Heller.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kodada called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

**2. AGENDA**

Kodada asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Baker asked if "Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project Discussion" could be added to the agenda.

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

**3. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Churchill to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 regular meeting. Vote for: Churchill, Kraimer, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Consider Approval of Lonsdale Little League Baseball as the July-August-September Green Team

Baker presented the Board with a Green Team application received on March 31, 2008 from the Lonsdale Little League Baseball Association. Baker said that Lonsdale Youth Baseball marked July-August-September as their first choice.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Churchill to recommend approval of the Lonsdale Little League Baseball Association as the July-August-September Green Team. Vote for: Churchill, Kraimer, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

b. Discuss Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project

Baker updated the Board with the status of the 2008 projects listed on the approved Parks & Trail Improvement Plan: (1) Jaycee Park Field # 2 Shelter (in-progress), (2) Sticha Park & Tenda Memorial Park Fencing (complete), (3) East Elementary School Nature Center & Ball Field Agreement (in-progress), (4) CASH 33 Trail Connection (in-progress and waiting for grant approval results), (5) Sticha Park Sand Volleyball Courts (waiting for the Council to relocate the compost site), and (6) Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project. Baker asked the Board to consider moving the Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project back two years to coincide with the 2010 Hwy 19 Mill & Overlay Project. He said that if the sidewalk was to be constructed this year, parts of the new sidewalk might need to be removed and replaced again because of future road and utility work.

Due to the 2010 Hwy 19 Project, the Board decided to wait for two years before constructing new sidewalks along the southern side of Hwy 19. Baker asked the Board if they wanted to redirect the funds from the 2008 Sidewalk Project to other projects. The Board said the CASH 33 Trail connection should be finished first. Kodada mentioned that the Board has been working on the CASH 33 Trail Project for three years. The Board also suggested constructing a trail connection between Casey's General Store (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) and the dead end WELCO trail once the Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project is completed.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS**

Baker mentioned that the City expects to hear about the CASH 33 Trail Grant by early July.

Kodada asked if someone from the Park Board would volunteer to help members of the Lonsdale Gardening Club create a planting plan for Lions Park. Kodada suggested planting low maintenance plantings and a few annuals along with some ground cover. Churchill said he would contact the group.

Baker presented the Board with the latest plans for the East Elementary Nature Center. The plan showed five phases including mowed trails, woodchip trails, a viewing deck, snowshoe den, and amphitheater. Baker asked the Board if the 40' x 16' viewing deck looked large enough to hold a class size of approximately 25

students. Heller said that the proposed 40' x 16' deck would be approximately the same size as the Council Chambers. The Board suggested that the deck be shortened to 30 feet to save on costs. Baker stated that parts of the trail have already been constructed. The Board suggested different places that might have free woodchips available for the trails. Baker mentioned that the next nature center meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Kraimer stated that she may attend the next meeting.

Baker mentioned that St. Cloud State University Husky Baseball staff and players will be hosting an instructional baseball camp on June 26<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> for youth players ages 5-15.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Churchill to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Churchill, Kraimer, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner