

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
February 10, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Morgan, Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, Chris Kraimer, and Laura Carpentier

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker and Parks Maintenance Worker Jeff Heller

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA

Kodada asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

3. MINUTES

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2009 regular meeting. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Jaycee Park Warming House Update

Heller said that the Jaycee Park warming house is complete except for a few minor items. He mentioned that the floor mats were installed in the building and continued out to the ice rink. Morgan said that the money raised by the Montgomery-Lonsdale Hockey Association Green Team, will be given back to the city for expenses occurred while constructing the warming house. She also

said that the warming house committee will be meeting one more time to discuss getting all the volunteers together for a recognition event.

b. Garfield Avenue Business Park Site Plan Update

Baker presented the staff report to the Board, and he described the proposed business park site plan in detail. He described the lots, area sizes, screening easement, trails, parkland dedication requirements, and parkland calculations. Baker also provided a colored site plan to the Board showing slopes in excess of 18%, wetland areas, stormwater ponds, and natural ponds along with associated area size. Kodada mentioned that a trail connection needs to be shown extending southward to the next phase of Willow Creek Heights.

c. Discuss City Parks Tree Planting Plan

Baker summarized the tree planting plan discussion from the January 13, 2009 meeting, and he mentioned that Park Board Member Laura Carpentier created a proposed planting plan for three city parks based on the previous discussion. Baker mentioned that further discussion was still needed for potential tree locations at Jaycee Park.

Carpentier described her proposed tree planting plan to the Board for Trender Memorial Park, Singing Hills Park, and the East Elementary Nature Center. She also provided tree species pictures to correlate with the planting plans. She explained the different qualities of each tree type and her reasoning for locating certain trees at the different city parks. She also mentioned that the new trees will need to be watered frequently during the first growing season, and she suggested adding mulch around each tree. Carpentier said that she could work with Heller to stake out the exact locations for the new trees.

Baker provided two options for the Board to review regarding possible tree plantings along the southeast side of the Jaycee Park play area. One option showed three landscape islands and the other option showed a 60' long curbed planter. Ziskovsky stated that trees should be planted along the southern side of the play area so that the kids will be shaded. After discussing the options further, the Board decided to plant two Red Maples at the southernmost locations along the western and eastern sides of the play area. The Board also stated that planting trees near new concrete curb, sidewalk, and the compacted parking lot would be hard on the new trees and create maintenance issues in the future. The Board was also concerned with saving parking spaces. Carpentier said that she could help Heller revive the struggling existing trees at Jaycee Park.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of the Spring 2009 Tree Planning Plan as presented (20 trees). Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Discuss City Owned & Maintained Tree Nursery

Baker reviewed discussion that took place at the January 13, 2009 meeting regarding the possibility of Lonsdale starting its own tree nursery somewhere on city owned land. He stated that he checked with the DNR Forestry office, and they said that Lonsdale could maintain a tree nursery without inspections. He provided the Board with a list of potential future savings based on tree values after 5 – 10 years of growth ranging from \$10,000 for a 50 tree nursery to \$200,000 for a 1,000 tree nursery. Baker recommending locating the tree nursery on the 11.5 acre city land at Idaho Street SW and Main Street South. He said that the Idaho Street site is already close to a fire/water hydrant and not in the way of development. Baker suggested starting the new tree nursery with only 50 – 75 trees so that it would be manageable for the Public Works Department. He said that approximately 0.15 acres of land would be needed for a 72 tree nursery.

Baker also provided the Board with the 2009 Rice County Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Order Form. The Board stated that they wanted to purchase 25 Black Hills Spruce (12”-18”) and 25 Sugar Maples (18-24”). Kraimer suggested that instead of buying a “Jumpstart 3’ Grow Tube with Stake” for \$2.50/each from Rice County, that a volunteer organization could cut the tubes out of drain tile.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of a 50 tree nursery located along Idaho Street SW, consisting of 25 Black Hills Spruce and 25 Sugar Maples ordered from the Rice County Soil & Water Conservation District in the amount of \$62.85. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval of the Lonsdale Lions Request to Operate the Jaycee Park Concession Stand for the 2009 season

Dale Furrer, representative from the Lonsdale Lions, expressed his gratitude for allowing the Lions to run the concession stand over the last couple of years. He said that it is a great fundraiser for the club. Furrer said that he was not aware of any issues with the service provided by the Lions club.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to recommend approval of the request by the Lonsdale Lions to operate the Jaycee Park Concession Stand for the 2009 ball season. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Discuss Montgomery-Lonsdale School District Summer Recreation Program

Baker presented a letter and programming breakdown from Kathy Peterson, Community Education Director, to the Board. He mentioned that the city did budget \$8,500 for summer recreation in 2009. He said that the City of Montgomery paid \$15,000 toward the program last year, but they decided to only give \$10,000 for 2009 programming. Baker said that according to Peterson, the

main costs coming from the city's budget are: bussing, office misc., equipment, and scholarships. The Board reviewed the proposed 2009 programming and cost breakdown. They questioned why the Community Education Director's salary was increased as her responsibilities decreased. They also questioned how many kids were involved from Lonsdale in each of the listed programs. The Board suggested that Peterson send those numbers to City Hall before the next City Council meeting. Carpentier mentioned that community education booklets should be sent to everyone in Lonsdale, and not just to the residents living in the Montgomery-Lonsdale School District. Kodada mentioned that he believes that if kids want to be involved in a program that they should have to pay for it. Kraimer mentioned that the pool is self supporting.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Morgan to recommend approval of the proposed list of community education programs for 2009. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Review Cost Estimate Submitted by Vosejпка Electric (Lonsdale Baseball Association) in the amount of \$1,487.32 for Two (2) Breaker Panels
Baker informed the Board that Bob Brezina, Lonsdale Baseball Association, requested that two new breaker panels be installed on the light poles at the DRS Field. Brezina submitted a cost estimate to City Hall from Vosejпка Electric in the amount of \$1,487.32 for the breaker panel project. He also said that the Lonsdale Baseball Association would pay for half of the project (\$750). According to Brezina, all of the light panels have been replaced with new panels except for two. Baker said that the funds for this project will come from the city's maintenance fund.
- d. Consider Approval of a Newspaper Advertisement for the Green Team Recycling Program
Baker said that the City of Lonsdale does not currently have any current Green Team applications on file at City Hall. He provided the Board with a proposed Green Team newspaper advertisement and a list of the past Green Teams.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of the Green Team advertisement as presented. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- e. Discuss Tom Jirik Court NW Wetland Enhancement Project (Ryan Flicek – 10th Avenue NW)
Baker said that city staff, the DNR, and Ryan Flicek met at Flicek's home, 206 10th Avenue NW, on January 23, 2009 to discuss options for the wetland area behind his home. Baker said that Mr. Flicek envisioned a project that would excavate the wetland to a deeper level, restore natural/native plantings, and provide the neighborhood/public with a looped woodchip trail. Baker said that he

did inform Mr. Flicek of the city's recent budget issues due to LGA cuts and lack of development funds, but Angela Yuska, DNR, said that she would check with her colleagues to see if any other grant funds were available for such a project. The Board stated that they would add the project onto a list of possible future capital improvement projects. Kodada suggested that a neighborhood petition, agreeing to the enhancement project, be submitted before any further research would be pursued.

f. Consider Acceptance of a Petition Submitted by Andy Rozycki for a Lonsdale Skate Park

Baker presented the Board with a petition for a skate park submitted by Andy Rozycki. Rozycki was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Morgan to accept the petition for a skate park submitted by Andy Rozycki. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Ziskovsky questioned where the people whose names were listed on the petition resided. Carpentier cautioned that skate parks sometime invite a challenging crowd, and she suggested that controlled supervision would be needed. Morgan stated that a skate park would give the kids something to do. She said that she was involved in the previous attempt, a couple years back, to get a skate park into town. Brezina stated that some kids are skating down the bleachers and around the dugouts at DRS Field. Morgan said that she would forward a skate park concept plan layout and cost estimate to city staff for review.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kraimer and seconded by Carpentier to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kraimer, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner