

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
JANUARY 26, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeanette Utecht

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Planner Benjamin Baker & MDG Planning Consultant Joanne Foust

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair 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 Narum and seconded by Carpentier to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**3. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Nominate and Appoint the 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission Officers

Baker provided the Board with the current roster of officer positions held by each member. The Board congratulated Utecht on her recent reappointment to the Board. Ziskovsky and Carpentier suggested that things remain the same as in previous years.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission Officers as follows:

- Kevin Kodada, *Chairperson*
  - Council Representative
  
- Jeanette Utecht, *Vice Chairperson*
  
- Laura Carpentier
  - Director of Horticulture/Landscape Design
  - Veterans Memorial Task Force Member
  
- Mary (Micki) Ziskovsky
  - Arbor Day Event Planner
  - Veterans Memorial Task Force Member
  
- Shelly Narum
  - Community Center & Water Recreation Planner
  
- Benjamin Baker, *Secretary*

Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

### b. Mayor Tim Rud

Mayor Tim Rud thanked the Park Board members for serving the Lonsdale community. He said that the Board has done some great things over the past decade compared to the way Lonsdale looked 10-15 years ago. He said that all great amenities start with a vision, and he encouraged the Park Board to continue to plan for the future. Rud noted that great recreational opportunities and park and trail amenities help create a wonderful quality of life for residents and visitors to Lonsdale. Rud said kudos/thank you to each of the Park Board members, and he told the Board that they are doing a terrific job.

- c. Workshop Format: Lonsdale Comprehensive Plan Update 2016 - Review Parks & Recreation Chapter - MDG Planning Consultant Joanne Foust  
Municipal Development Group (MDG) Planning Consultant Joanne Foust went through a 35-side presentation conducted via an open discussion/workshop type format. The Park Board members provided Foust with abundant and insightful input on park, trail, open space, and recreation related items that will be used when completing the 2016 Comp Plan update. Further notes on this special presentation/workshop can be found in the Lonsdale 2016 Comp Plan Update folder at Lonsdale City Hall.
- d. Review the Results of the Community Survey  
In the interest of time, this agenda item was pushed back to next Park Board meeting. However, many of the community survey results were discussed during the Comp Plan review/workshop portion of the meeting.
- e. Consider Recommending an Official Name for the 9-Acre Pond at the Rezac Nature Preserve (“Willow Pond” or “Hidden Willow Pond”)  
Baker noted that the in the latest community survey, the following question was asked: “What should the name of the large pond located within the Rezac Nature Preserve, located near the Archery Range & Compost Site, be named?” He said that the the following name options were available to vote on, including:
- Willow Pond
  - Hidden Pond
  - Hidden Willow Pond
  - Hillside Pond
  - Heritage Pond

He said that both the “Willow Pond” name and the “Hidden Willow Pond” name tied with 90 votes each and that the “Hidden Pond” name finished third with 64 votes. Ziskovsky stated that she preferred the name “Willow Pond” because it is a shorter name. Kodada mentioned that he did like the name “Hidden” because it is literally a pond mostly hidden behind woods, wetlands, hills, and a neighborhood. Out of the top two choices, Narum and Carpentier stated that they liked the name “Hidden Willow Pond”. Ziskovsky agreed that the name “Hidden Willow Pond” could easily be identified with the Willow Creek Heights neighborhood. Baker said that the City could name some of the other significant ponds/wetland areas in town, such as naming the pond near Heritage Estates as “Heritage Pond”. The Park Board members did mention that there weren’t very many actual willow trees around the pond area, and they suggested possibly planting a few more willow trees at some point in the future.

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Narum to recommend naming the 9-acre open water pond at Rezac Nature Preserve as “Hidden Willow Pond”.  
Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0.  
Motion carried.

- f. Snowshoeing Event & Three Rivers Park District Partnership Update  
Baker provided a brief update on the evolving partnership between the City of Lonsdale, Three Rivers Park District, and the City of Elko New Market. He provided the Park Board with a flyer of the first scheduled partnership event, a snowshoeing event, to be held at TCU Lonsdale Elementary School on February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm. Baker also noted that officials from all three entities were scheduled to meet on January 28<sup>th</sup> to further discuss and promote the partnership.
- g. Tri-City United Community Education Update  
In the interest of time, this item was not discussed.
- h. Splash Pad Update  
In the interest of time, this item was not discussed.
- i. Review a Potential Dog Park Site & Update on the Rezac Nature Preserve Site Plan  
In the interest of time, this item was not discussed.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner