

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 10, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Utecht , Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, and Laura Carpentier

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shelly Narum

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 Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; 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 September 11, 2012 regular meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Update on the 2012 Jaycee Park Improvement Project

Baker provided an update on the 2012 Jaycee Park Improvement Project. He mentioned that the grass is coming in nicely due to the new irrigation system and nicer weather. He said that the Public Works Department will also be installing new team benches in each of the dugouts. Kodada stated that metal roof caps should be installed for safety and appearance.

Baker said that the Lonsdale Lions were thinking about relocating the American Flag pole somewhere within Jaycee Park. He asked the Board to think of good

places to locate the flag pole. He also mentioned that the Lions would like to fly their flag below the American flag on the same pole.

b. Update on the 2013 Sticha Park Pavilion Project

Baker stated that a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held with three masonry contractors and one excavating contractor. He said that the details of the project were explained at that meeting, which included the City's Public Works Director and the City Building Inspector. He said that bids are due in early November.

Kodada asked City staff to pursue soil borings for the Sticha Park Pavilion Project. He mentioned that although the Public Works Department is capable of excavating some holes, an expert in soils should be conferred.

c. Review and Discuss Play Equipment Options for Kalina Park & Sticha Park

Baker provided the Park Board with proposed site plans and expected costs for new play equipment at Sticha Park and Kalina Park. He also reviewed the two park site plans showing the proposed location of each play area. Baker mentioned that the Sticha Park play area was situated between the proposed pavilion building and a future ice rink/play field. He said that the Kalina Park play area was located directly behind the future parking areas and outside of the wetland area.

Bruce Pudwill, President of Midwest Playscapes, provided the Commissioners with a detailed informational packet to review, including park site plan layouts, visualizations, equipment lists, and associated quotes. He informed the Commission about each of the proposed play equipment items in both Sticha Park and Kalina Park. He also referenced other cities where the same play equipment pieces were installed. The following play equipment items, by Midwest Playscapes, were shown and discussed:

Sticha Park

- Playground
- 2-Bay Single Post Swing (2 Belts & 2 Bucket Seats)
- Rockies Summit Climber

Kalina Park

- Playground
- 2-Bay Single Post Swing (2 Belts & 2 Bucket Seats)
- Playweb Net – Medium
- Live Wire Zip Line
- Vaquero (modern multi-user swing)

Kodada suggested that ADA swings should be added to each park. Kodada suggested adding playground signage too. He explained that the City previously interviewed different playground firms, and ended up choosing Midwest Playscapes, a company that has supplied/installed the majority of playgrounds and play equipment in Lonsdale. Ziskovsky asked if the City could save money by

not including the proposed playground at Kalina Park. Carpentier also questioned why a playground was included at Klaina Park, since the previous goal of the park was to have more unique and interesting types of play structures. Baker explained that after review by City staff, it was suggested that each park should include a playground and swings. The Commissioners further reviewed and discussed the proposed play areas at Sticha Park and Kalina Park.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of the proposed play equipment for Sticha Park and Kalina Park contingent upon the following:

1. A “Playweb Net Bridge” shall be included at Kalina Park to connection the Playground to the Playweb
2. Another “Swing Bay” and associated “Accessible Swing” shall be included at Sticha Park

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

The Park Board asked City staff and Midwest Playscapes to provide further information on shade canopies, exercise equipment, and splash pads. Baker noted that he did call two rock quarries to see if they could design a similar layout to the Playworld System “Origins – Rocks & Ropes” series, but he said that both companies stated that climbing boulders weren’t part of their product line and would probably cost more than the fake climbing rocks.

Carpentier asked about park fitness equipment for future phases at Kalina Park. Pudwill provided further information and details on exercise equipment options from Playworld Systems and Kompan. He said that park exercise equipment is the progressive way to design parks these days. He said that multi-generational parks are becoming the new way to build parks. He stated that it is very smart to start planning for future play areas that would cater to older kids and adults, along with typical children’s playgrounds, so that every age group has an opportunity to stay active and burn calories at the park.

Baker asked Pudwill if the City orders the proposed play equipment this Fall, could Midwest Playscapes deliver the equipment next Spring-Summer. Pudwill said that the equipment would probably be delivered within 3-4 weeks after the purchase date, and he provided suggestions on storing the equipment. Kodada stated that the City has stored similar play equipment over winter before.

Carpentier asked about the popularity of skate parks compared to a few years ago. Pudwill explained that skaters are a specific group of individuals, that don’t typically associate with organized sports. He said that interest in skateboarding has varied over the years. He stated that skaters have specific preferences on skate park layouts. Pudwill suggested that cities looking to construct a skate park,

hire an expert to help with the design process. He said that well designed skate parks will experience maximum usage. He recommended constructing a mostly concrete skate park for long-term maintenance reasons.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner