

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shelly Narum

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker & City Administrator Joel Erickson

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 Utecht and seconded by Carpentier 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 January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Splash Pad Presentation – Suzanne Koch, Reese Recreation (Water Odyssey)
Suzanne Koch of Reese Recreation provided a thorough presentation on Water Odyssey spray equipment based on her experience in the recreation industry and as a Park Board Chairperson in Illinois. The Park Board members asked questions and discussed the different aspects of splash pads throughout Koch's presentation. Koch provided examples of splash pads along with price estimates. She said that the total project cost typically is divided into thirds: 1/3 for spray features, 1/3 for installation, and 1/3 for the water pump/quality system. She provided examples of customization, theming, and lighting options. She explained how activators and timed sequences work. Koch stated that site designs should account for 1 patron per 25 sq. ft. She explained how some projects can be constructed in phases. Koch said that Water Odyssey is part of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), which would help with the bidding process. She suggested firming up a site layout by means of hiring a designer and/or landscape architect. Carpentier stated that "theming/customization" is not necessary. Utecht suggested putting in the spray feature that kids will most likely use. The Board thanked Koch for attending their meeting.

- b. Update on the 2016 Veterans Memorial Expansion Project
Baker provided the Park Board with an update on the 2016 Veteran Memorial Expansion project. He said that the Veterans Memorial Task Force met in January, and after reviewing multiple expansion ideas, the Task Force recommended removing the southwest plaza bench and extending that sidewalk westward. Baker noted that that the westward option would allow for plenty of future expansion, if needed. The Board members reviewed the proposed expansion site plan. Baker said that the Task Force Members thought that the paver wall option would be too costly and that a single bench removal from the interior circle would leave the site looking unbalanced. The Park Board members thanked Baker for the project update.

- c. Review the Results of the Community Survey
The Park Board went through the pertinent questions/results from the recent Community Survey relevant to parks, trails, and recreation. They discussed demographics, reasons for moving to/from Lonsdale, existing conditions of amenities, outdoor recreation needs, potential community center amenities, and desirable downtown improvements.

- d. Snowshoeing Event & Three Rivers Park District Partnership Update
The Park Board Members reviewed an article and pictures from the Lonsdale Area News Review about the snowshoeing event held on February 3rd. Baker said that 25-out-of-25 participants showed up and had a good time at the family snowshoeing event. He said that the staff from Three Rivers Park District did a wonderful job. The Park Board members discussed the other upcoming 2016 Outreach Program events.

e. Review a Potential Dog Park Site & Update on the Rezac Nature Preserve Site Plan

The Park Board Members reviewed a site plan showing a potential dog park, located between Industrial Park Drive SE and Willow Creek Drive SE. Baker said that the potential site has 2-3 acres of flat/usable space, has a small pond, and could accommodate an off-street parking lot. He noted that the Public Works Director may use the vacant land near the archery range, which was another possible dog park location, as an expansion area for the compost site. The Park Board Members reviewed and agreed with the potential location off of Industrial Park Drive SE. Carpentier stated that the weeds and muck in/near that pond may need to be cleaned up before any dog park fencing is erected.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Ziskovsky stated that the City needs to contact Billie Sayer soon, and advise the Lonsdale Farmers Market to please move further away from their 2015 location, near the Veterans Memorial, to another spot. She said that too many veterans felt that the Farmers Market group was being disrespected when the City allowed the 2015 Farmers Market to be located along Railway Street and the Main Street North sidewalk, so close to the new Vets Memorial/Plaza. Erickson said that the City was thinking about implementing a permitting process in 2016 for farmers markets and other similar events.

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 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner