

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
APRIL 12, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shelly Narum

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker

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

3. MINUTES

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Utecht to approve the Minutes from the March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Utecht, 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 – Nick McHone, Commercial Recreation Specialist
Nick McHone, Project Manager - Commercial Recreational Specialist, provided a 63-slide presentation on Vortex splash pads and services provided by Commercial Recreational Specialists. His presentation included information on: the basics of splash pads, recent trends, benefits of splash pads, planning, budgeting, re-circulated systems compared to flow-through systems, site considerations, water usage, conservation, bay concepts, themes, water effects, inclusive play, pad layout examples, and 10/15 year life cycle cost comparisons. McHone answered questions asked by Baker and the Board Members. McHone provided cost estimates and examples of flow-through systems compared to recirculation systems. He noted that the majority of splash pads that they construct are flow-through systems due to lower initial construction and on-going maintenance costs. However, McHone said that higher flow features tend to be more fun. He said that most indoor splash pads use standard recirculation systems like pools. He noted that they just added a landscape architect to their staff. Baker asked McHone to send more information on: 1) “Elevations” water play structures, 2) cost analysis/comparison reports, and 3) landscape architect services. The Park Board thanked McHone for attending their meeting and provided such a thorough and informative presentation.

- b. Consider Approval to Purchase Welcome Sign Flowers from Bachmans
Carpentier offered to volunteer her landscaping services again this year by means of picking up and planting flowers in the planting beds at both City welcome signs. She asked the Board to provide her with flower colors that they thought might look good. She asked if the Public Works Department could help prepare the planting beds and then weed/water the flowers throughout the growing season.

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend purchasing flowers from Bachmans in the not-to-exceed amount of \$300.00. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Utecht, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

- c. Update on Community Center Project
Baker provided a brief update on the Community Center Project. He said that the Mayor and City Administrator will be going through all the Task Force application received and making a recommendation to the Council on who should be appointed to the Task Force group. He said that the original citizen group will hold a meeting next week, and that some of those group members will take part in selecting an architectural firm to help direct the Task Force through the planning process. The Park Board members suggested looking to health insurance companies for possible community center grants.

d. Update on Soccer Program/Fields

The Park Board reviewed maps of Sticha Park and Trender Memorial Park showing revised soccer field layouts. Baker stated that even though the outfield area in Sticha Park was graded/seeded last fall, that the land is still settling and that the grass is not fully established yet. Therefore, he said that the majority of soccer practices and games will be played at RayAnn Field, located within Trender Memorial Park. He said that there are 30 more kids signed up for youth soccer this year compared to 2015, including: (4) U6 teams, (6) U8 teams, (2) U10 teams, and (1) U12 team. The Board members suggested that it would be nice to have soccer use only fields somewhere in town in the near future. Utecht said that she was very excited to see soccer taking off in Lonsdale.

Kodada left the meeting at 7:15 pm to attend another scheduled meeting.

e. Update on Arbor Day 2016

Baker said that he was contacted earlier in the day by Adam Larson of TCU Lonsdale Elementary, wondering if the May 6th Arbor Day date could be switched to Tuesday, May 3rd. All the Board members said that they were okay with the proposed date. Baker said that he would check with the DNR and RSWCD to see if the May 3rd date worked in their schedules.

f. Provide Input on Potential Outdoor Recreation Options and Other Community Education Programming for Fall-Winter 2016/2017

Baker reminded the Park Board members to provide input on what kind of indoor and outdoor programming that they want to see in Lonsdale next year. He asked them to email their thoughts on programming to him within the next few days. Baker mentioned that their thoughts and comments were important, and their suggestions would be presented to TCU and New Prague Community Education and Three Rivers Park District.

g. Site Visit – Hidden Willow Pond Fishing Pier & Boardwalk – Rezac Nature Preserve

The Park Board members closed their regular portion of the agenda at 7:32 pm, and they reconvened their meeting at 7:40 at the Rezac Nature Preserve for a tour of the newly constructed boardwalk and Hidden Willow Pond fishing pier.

During the tour, the Board members staked out two locations for park benches. Baker also showed the Park Board members where a limited motorized vehicle road and turn-around area was being planned. He said that the minimal use road was necessary for canoe trailers and emergency access.

Kodada rejoined the meeting and the group at Rezac Nature Preserve at 7:58 pm.

Overall, the Park Board members were very satisfied with the solid construction and appearance of the new fishing pier and boardwalk.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner