

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 7, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 Carpentier and seconded by Narum 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 June 4, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Duban, 800 8th Avenue NW, thanked the Park Board and City of Lonsdale for completing the Linking Lonsdale trail connection project. Duban also stated that he, along with other members of the Planning Commission, are opposed to having the Farmers Market located at the new Veterans Memorial-Main Street Plaza site. He stated that the new park should be a place of respect for the veterans.

On a different subject, Duban stated that the overgrown bush located on the northwest corner of Co Rd 4 & Idaho Street needs to be trimmed or cut down.

The Park Board members thanked Duban for his comments, and they stated that they agreed with his comments about the Veterans Memorial Plaza-Park.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Discuss & Prioritize Parks, Recreation, and Trails Projects for the 2016 City Budget

The Park Board reviewed an updated spreadsheet entitled “Lonsdale Parks & Recreation 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan”. The plan showed the amount of Park Development Fund money remaining, a list of proposed projects, and correlating cost estimates for each proposed project. The Board also reviewed specific information about spray/splash pad options. As Baker read through the list of projects, the Board Members provided comments. The Board all agreed with the list of 2016 projects, including: park sign landscaping, soccer nets, and a splash pad. Narum stated that a new splash pad would be a destination point and put Lonsdale on the map. She suggested constructing a splash pad sooner-than-later and before other surrounding communities decide to construct splash pads for their own cities. Ziskovsky suggested constructing a splash pad that could hold 40-80 patrons.

Utecht arrived at 6:20 pm.

The Park Board Members discussed different locations for the splash pad. Carpentier stated that any plans for a splash pad should be included as part of a larger plan for a future indoor/outdoor pool or waterpark. Ziskovsky suggested touring a few area splash pads. The Board also discussed the idea of a more natural sand/gravel bottom pond/pool.

Utecht stated that most of the local school’s already have soccer programs. She recommended that the City invest in soccer as the sport continues to become more popular. The other Members agreed with Utecht.

Carpentier stated that it would be nice to have flower baskets hanging along Main Street. The Board also talked about adding Disc Golf to the list of projects.

Narum left the meeting at 6:40 pm to attend a different event.

b. Project Updates

Baker provided project updates on the Archery Range Project, Veterans Memorial Project, Linking Lonsdale Project, Fishing Pier Project, and other Community Development related projects. The Board reviewed the Project Status Spreadsheet along with pictures taken of the various projects. Kodada asked if the trail-sized stop signs have been ordered yet for the Linking Lonsdale Project. Baker said that City Engineer and Public Works Director were working on it. Baker noted that the City Engineer was also working with the contractor to get the WELCO Hill trail paved again. Baker stated that the City was awarded a \$25,000.00 Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the proposed fishing pier and boardwalk at Rezac Nature Preserve. He also mentioned that the DNR Fisheries Office out of Waterville will most likely stock the pond with pan fish next Spring.

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 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner