

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AUGUST 11, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Laura Carpentier

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker and 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 Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Narum to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Project Updates

Baker provided the Park Board members with updates on the Rezac Nature Preserve Archery Range Project, Linking Lonsdale Project, and Veterans Memorial Project. Kodada stated that the City should paint a second coat of stain on the new cedar split-rail fencing at the Hwy 19 and 8th Avenue NE intersection to make the new look last longer. Erickson stated that a deal has been reached with Timm's Trucking to pave the unfinished WELCO Hill trail section. He also provided an update on the DRS portion of the Linking Lonsdale Project.

b. Splash Pad Discussion & Planning

The Park Board reviewed multiple informational items pertaining to splash pads, including 1) an article entitled “Designing for Splash Pads” from the Waterpark Development & Expansion Guide; 2) Water Odyssey information, site layouts, cross-section details, and cost estimates; 3) a list of Twin Cities Area Splash Pads & Wading Pools from Family Fun Twin Cities; 4) a map of Lonsdale showing four potential locations for a splash pad; 5) maps/site plans of Kalina Park and Trendera Memorial Park; 6) maps/info on splash pads in Burnsville, Apple Valley, Rosemount; and 7) info/pictures from Shakopee’s SandVenture Aquatic Park. Ziskovsky shared pictures and video of Burnsville’s Cliff Fen Park Splash Pad, which opened in last month. Baker noted that Burnsville’s Lions Club donated \$120,000.00 to the play equipment and splash pad at that park.

Baker suggested that the Park Board should come up with one or two potential splash pad locations and also figure out what size pad should be installed. He also asked the Board members to think about existing amenities at current City parks that would complement a splash pad and items that should be included when planning for an all-encompassing project. Baker stated that the Park Board’s thoughts and comments concerning a future splash would be presented to the City Council at one of their next 2016 Budget meetings.

Narum stated that a splash pad should be a stand-alone project that doesn’t necessarily need to be incorporated into a larger future community center or water park complex. The other Board members agreed with the idea of a smaller stand-alone project at either Trendera Memorial Park, Sticha Park, Kalina Park or another advantageous location. The Board discussed the pros and cons of locating a splash pad at Trendera Memorial Park, Sticha Park, or Kalina Park.

The Board talked about other amenities that may need to accompany a splash pad, including paved off-street parking, shade structures, shelter/pavilion, restrooms, changing rooms, lockers, signage, landscaping, and screening trees/fencing. Baker noted that Sticha Park already has an existing shelter, play equipment, and off-street parking at the park. Utecht stated that soccer fields are already planned for Sticha Park. The Board all agreed that Trendera Memorial Park would be good spot due its central location and the existing play equipment at the park. Ziskovsky stated that her only hesitation with the Trendera Memorial Park location is its potential conflict with neighboring residents from the RayAnn Acres development. She said that noise and parking could possibly cause issues for the neighbors. Erickson stated that “no ‘park’ parking” signs could be erected to help alleviate parking concerns. Kodada wondered if the Trendera Memorial Park location would get too busy if a shelter and splash pad were incorporated into the park. Erickson suggested adding multiple pergolas instead of a larger shelter. Ziskovsky suggested constructing a long narrow shelter.

Baker noted the following approximate cost breakdown for the entire splash pad project:

- spray equipment: \$30,000 - \$40,000
- installation: \$20,000 - \$30,000
- concrete/electrical: \$20,000 - \$30,000
- paved parking: \$10,000 - \$15,000
- shelter: \$15,000 - \$25,000
- restrooms: \$25,000 - \$50,000
- landscaping: \$5,000-\$10,000

Kodada suggested doing the potential splash pad/shelter project in phases over two years. He also stated that the City should lead by example and include the cost of a recirculation system in the plans. Erickson mentioned that collected 'gray' water could be potentially used for irrigating surrounding ball fields and/or park grounds. Ziskovsky stated that the City needs to do the project correctly.

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Narum to recommend that the City Council budget for a \$150,000 - \$250,000 splash pad/shelter project over the next two years. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Baker noted that the Park Board can take the next year to further explore all splash pad options and create a detailed plan with the help of the City Engineer.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Utecht mentioned that it was nice to see people using the sand volleyball courts at Sticha Park.

Ziskovsky provided an update on the park development going on at the 613 Industrial Park Drive SE property, owned by the Lonsdale Telephone Company.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner