

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
AUGUST 13, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Planner Benjamin Baker and City Administrator Joel Erickson

Starting at 6:00 PM, the Lonsdale Parks & Recreation Commission hosted a Grand Opening Celebration / Ribbon Cutting Event at Sticha Park. Besides the Park Board members and City staff, the event was attended by members of the Sticha Family, Mayor Tim Rud, Councilmember Cindy Furrer, project contractor Tim Skluzacek, and other family members, citizens, and news reporters. Mayor Rud, Chair Kodada, and Planner Baker all spoke during the presentation portion of the event. As part of the 2013 Sticha Park Project, new amenities were added, including:

- A new 36' x 24' x 9' tall park pavilion structure and picnic benches
- A new 83' x 49' play area surrounded by a new concrete sidewalk/curb border holding 5 new benches w/ backrests
- A new drinking fountain and irrigation system hook up

During the event, attendees viewed construction pictures of the playground and pavilion on display along with pictures and plans of other park/trail initiatives and planned projects.

After the presentation, the Sticha Family and City officials gathered along the north-side of the new pavilion for the ribbon cutting portion of the event.

Directly following the ribbon cutting event, the Park Board held a brief meeting at the Sticha Park Pavilion. Baker provided a brief update on the following items:

- The DNR Local Trails Connection Grant
- Naming of new parkland areas
- Soccer field(s) locations
- 2013-2014 park/recreation priorities and budget items

Limited discussion was had and no action was taken by the Commission on any of the items listed above. The meeting adjourned around 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner