

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, and Shelly Narum

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeanette Utecht & Laura Carpentier

**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 Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

**3. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the Minutes from the July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Dog Park Update & Discussion

The Park Board members reviewed a site plan of the proposed Dog Park. Baker stated that he talked with Laura Domek about her thoughts on the Dog Park Project. He mentioned that she is in favor of having the fence installed professionally. Domek also relayed that it would be nice to have water at the site. Baker said that Domek was going to be checking with Pet Perfect to see if they still wanted to donate the pet waste station. The Board members liked the idea of having a chain-link fence installed by professional to lead by example. The Board asked if Public Works had any old culverts available for the dog park. Kodada suggested fencing off the pond area and possibly installing a small dock, if the water level was deep enough. Kodada and Ziskovsky recommended wrapping a trail around hillside to connect with the entrance to the new dog park. Baker said that it may be possible to bring a small water pipe from Industrial Park Drive to the site. The Board agreed that having a small water spigot at the site should be included in the project. They also stated that it would be great if the fencing part of the project could be put in this Fall.

### b. Consider Approval to Order Soccer Goals in the Amount of \$2,450.00

Baker stated that \$9,000 was budgeted for soccer related items in 2016. He said that three sets of goals were ordered before the 2016 season totaling \$4,500. Baker stated that TCU Soccer President Ryan Phelps recently recommend ordering two additional youth goal sets for the U6 and U10 players. Baker explained that the new goals would allow for two official fields with permanent goals. The Board reviewed two quotes submitted by: 1) BSN Sports - \$2,450.00 and 2) Gopher - \$3,760.02. Baker stated that the Board had set a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500.00 at their previous meeting.

A motion was made by Narum and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of a quote submitted by BSN Sports in the amount of \$2,450.00 for two sets of youth soccer goals. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

### c. Discuss & Prioritize Park & Trail Improvements for the 2017 City Budget

The Park Board reviewed a map and list showing potential future trail/sidewalk improvements. Baker asked the Board to discuss their preferences and priorities. The Board members agreed on the following priority list, beginning with the highest priority: 1) Main Street South Sidewalk/Trail Connection, and 2) Hwy 19 East-Side Trail Connection, running from the lumber yard to the medical clinic. They directed City staff to 1) keep applying for the Safe-Routes-to-School Grant for intersection/pedestrian crossing improvements along Co. Rd. 4, and 2) find contractors that may want to donate time and/or equipment to create the Rezac Nature Preserve Grass Trail Connection. The Board suggested that the Public Works Department should come up with a few solutions for the Willow Creek Heights trail damaged by muskrats.

The Park Board also reviewed a list and associated map of potential future park improvements. Baker asked the Board to discuss their preferences and priorities. The Park Board agreed that \$50,000 should be budgeted for in 2017 and 2018, to build up a small savings for larger park improvement projects, such as a full-sized outdoor hockey, enclosed park pavilion, and/or splash pad to be constructed in 2019. Ziskovsky said that it would be nice to plant trees in advance of a new splash pad park.

In regard to future land needs, the Board agreed that more/larger soccer fields should be located on the vacant Business Park lots in the future, if possible. Ziskovsky suggested swapping land with Rice County, in order to make the Jaycee Park larger. She also recommended placing a zip-line or climbing net at Jaycee Park. Kodada stated that disc golf course would be a nice added amenity to have at Kalina Park. Baker stated that a historical marker should be placed near the Main Street Plaza and the Historic 3-R Landmark School.

- d. Discuss & Prioritize Recreation Programming/Equipment for the 2017 Budget  
The Park Board discussed ideas for increasing Lonsdale's recreation, programming, and event opportunities in town. Baker suggested that the City consider hiring someone or partnering with another neighboring entity, such as the school district, park district, or another city, to help organize, recruit, direct, and advertise more community opportunities. The Park Board members agreed. They suggested hiring someone that would specifically focus on Lonsdale, instead of a person that would be spread out thin between multiple communities.

Baker stated that he would relay the Park Board's ideas, comments, and suggestions to City Council at their 2017 Budget Meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS**

None

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Narum and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner