

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LONSDALE**  
**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**June 9, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chris Kraimer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Planner Benjamin Baker and Parks Maintenance Worker Jeff Heller

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson 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 Morgan to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; 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 May 12, 2009 regular meeting. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Duban, 800 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, asked if the Board had considered adding picnic tables along Baldwin St NW and along Co. Rd. 4 near 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Ziskovsky explained that she talked with a few residents who lived nearby Baldwin Street, and they said that they did not want a seating area by their homes because of the trash that would accumulate and blow into their yards. The Board did mention to Duban that they would be discussing trail benches later on in the agenda.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. DRS Field Seating Project Funding Request – Bob Brezina, Lonsdale Aces  
Baker explained that the DRS Field Seating Project changed from the original idea of a concrete viewing area to a composite decking seating area. He said that the seating/viewing area would still remain at approximately 10' x 50' but the cost would be almost \$5,000 less expensive. Baker said that the Lonsdale Aces

(Derek Vosejпка) pulled a building permit for the project, and he said that most of the project was already completed. Baker explained that at the last meeting, the Board requested an updated budget so that they could comment via email on how much funding they felt comfortable giving the ball club for the project. Baker said that two members voted for \$0, one member voted for \$500, one voted for \$750, and one voted for \$2,000. Baker provided the Board with an updated Park Development Fund spreadsheet, an aerial view of DRS Field, up-to-date pictures of the project, and a sketch plan of the proposed seating area. Baker explained that there is approximately \$5,000 remaining in the Park Development Fund that is not allocated towards a specific project, and he also reminded the Board that the City Council may need to cut another \$200,000 from the budget.

Berzina explained that ball club had an urgency to finish the project by the end of June so that it could be utilized by spectators during the 2009 season. He said that the ball club was concerned about the safety of park users and the continued maintenance costs associated with the old landscape timbers, river rock, and overgrown plantings. He mentioned that any amount of funding would be appreciated. Ziskovsky asked how much the project would cost. Brezina guessed that the project probably would cost around \$7,500. Kodada asked how many games were played on the DRS Field during the season. Brezina said that 20 – 40 games may be played on the field this season. Carpentier said that she would love to help fund the project more notably, but she mentioned that the Board doesn't have much money left in its budget. Ziskovsky asked if \$500 would be an adequate amount considering the circumstances. The rest of the Board agreed with \$500. Brezina also mentioned that he was working with City Hall on issues of people bringing in their own beverages and viewing the games from the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline hill. He asked if the City could order a few "no carry-on beverages allowed" signs for the problem area. He also suggested that a new fence should be considered in the future along the cottonwood trees to control unauthorized access and viewing of games.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend granting \$500.00 toward the 2009 DRS Field 1<sup>st</sup> baseline Seating Project. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

b. Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project Update

Baker provided an update on the 2009 Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project. He mentioned that WSB Engineers will finish the plans and submit them to MnDOT in early June. He said that LMH Appraisal is currently appraising nine properties along the routes for possible easements. He mentioned that MnDOT should be finished reviewing the plans by the end of July. Baker said that hopefully MnDOT will sign a cooperative agreement in August and the City can advertise for bids in early September.

c. Review Draft Tree Ordinance

Heller provided the Board with a news release and information related to the recent infestation of the Emerald ash borer. Baker provided the Board with updated tree ordinance language and information from the DNR Forestry Department regarding the definition of a City Arborist vs. a City Forester. Baker said that the DNR reviewed the list of permitted and prohibited trees, and he said that the City Attorney reviewed the entire ordinance and language specifically regarding private property. The Board asked City staff to check with the DNR to find out the reason why some of the trees are listed as prohibited. The Board scheduled a public hearing for their July meeting.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Consider Approval of Lonsdale Boy Scout Troop 327 as the “July-Aug-Sept Green Team”

Baker provided the Board with a current list of Green Team applicants and a list of past Green Teams. Baker said that the Boy Scout Troop submitted their application in on March 13<sup>th</sup> and indicated “July-August-September” as their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. Baker mentioned that the other the applications on file selected later dates for their priority service terms. He also mentioned that Margo Underwood, Green Team Coordinator for Waste Management, was moving on with her career and Curt Saffle, Waste Management, would be taking over her responsibilities.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Morgan to approve Boy Scout Troop 327 as the “July-August-September Green Team”. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

### b. Fire Department Plantings – Micki Ziskovsky

Ziskovsky asked the Board for permission to replace 13 Campanulas around the Fire Department sign, and she provided a quote for \$124.47.

Morgan also mentioned that the Jaycees recently planted about \$200 worth of plants from Hillside for 16 flower pot arrangements around the downtown area.

A motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Carpentier to approve a quote of \$124.47 for 13 Campanuls to be planted at the Lonsdale Fire Department. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

### c. Discuss Trail Bench Locations

City staff provided the Board with a map of 10 possible trail bench locations along with different bench costs from Summit Supply and H.E. Westerman. Kodada said that he can envision benches at various locations with nice scenery or a great overlook along the trail system. The Board agreed that the Summit Supply benches were nice but they were too expensive considering the City’s current budget. They suggested that the Public Works Department build the benches in-house. Kodada sketched a nice looking 2” x 4”- green treated bench

design on the white board that Public Works guys could construct. Heller explained that benches without back rests could be utilized by trail users that may want to rest along the route facing the trail or face away from the trail and look out onto a wetland or scenic area. Morgan and Ziskovsky asked how the benches would be secured to the ground. Kodada said that 6" x 6" posts could be buried in the ground to anchor the bench. The Board agreed that any benches should be kept off the trail at least two feet, and they said that the benches should be at least 6 feet long. The Board discussed placing trash receptacles near the benches. The Board also discussed starting an adopt-a-bench program where a business, person, family, or memorial name could be engraved into the benches for a donation to cover the costs of the bench and engraved sign. They said that they could advertise the program in the newspaper and see if anyone was interested. Baker asked each Board member to provide a list or map of their top 10 trail bench locations at the next meeting.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Morgan, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner