

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 27, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Utecht, Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, Laura Carpentier, and Julie Ryan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

Kodada asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

3. MINUTES

Kodada asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ryan to approve the Minutes from the December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Nominate and Appoint Parks & Recreation Commission Officers for 2020
The Park Board Members reviewed the current list of officers and leadership roles.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ryan to approve the annual list of Park Board Officers as follows:

- Kevin Kodada, *Chairperson*
 - Council Representative

- Jeanette Utecht, *Vice Chairperson*
 - National Walking Day Leader
 - Soccer Liaison

- Laura Carpentier
 - Director of Horticulture/Landscape Design
 - Veterans Memorial Task Force Member

- Mary (Micki) Ziskovsky
 - Arbor Day Event Planner
 - Veterans Memorial Task Force Member

- Julie Ryan
 - Ice/Hockey Rink Project Lead
 - Dog Park Planner

- City Planner Benjamin Baker, *Secretary*

Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0.
Motion carried.

Utecht arrives at the meeting.

b. Trcka Park Project

Review Quotes and Discuss Ice Rink Options

Baker stated that quotes were solicited from four different ice hockey dasher board companies, including Becker Arena Products, Athletica, All American Arena, and Arena Warehouse. He noted that Becker Arena Products and Athletica recently merged into one company. Baker presented two quotes from Becker Arena Products and Arena Warehouse/Riley Manufacturing. Baker explained the details of the quotes including: puck control safety, dasher panel width, frame type, facing material, gates, and benches. All three board type options from Becker were less expensive than Riley Manufacturing.

The Board discussed using Becker's supervision only option to potentially save \$14,000 - \$18,000 on installation costs. After further discussion and acknowledging the reality of actually finding 10 committed volunteers and/or using City Staff for 7-10 days to erect the boards, the Park Board members agreed that it would be best to just have the ice rink boards professionally installed.

Baker and the Park Board members asked Dan Mehren, from Becker Arena Products, many questions about the 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0 outdoor rink systems. Mehren said that Becker/Athletica stands behind all of three of their systems, and he described the differences between dasher board systems. Questions were asked about frame and facing construction, longevity, warranty, annual maintenance costs, and actual hockey game playability. After reviewing the options, the majority of the Board members liked the 5.0 and 6.0 systems, and they leaned towards ordering the 5.0 Athletica Pro Series System due to its lower price. Mehren said that the Athletica System meets NHL Standards and has been built for over 30 years.

Andy Burns, TCU Youth Hockey Association, said that the future rink will be used mainly for hockey practices. He stated that indoor rinks tend to function better and be more reliable for games.

The Board discussed drainage of the concrete slab. Mehren said that frozen drywall tape is used to keep ice inside the rink while making the initial ice layers. He said that the tape can then be removed between the boards and the concrete surface in the spring to help with drainage.

Due to the suggested revisions to Becker's quote, such as another 10 ft. equipment access gate, elimination of the player benches, reduction in the amount of access gates, and the need for extra puck control safety near the warming house, Kodada suggested that the Becker revise its quote and the Board review it again at the February meeting.

Park Building Update

The Park Board reviewed an updated building floor plan and associated site plan for the 2020 Trcka Park Project. The site plan showed the latest layout, soil boring locations, and proposed amenities along with associated cost estimates. The latest floor plan showed block walls throughout the structure with a plumbing chase between the restrooms. He said that WSB, City Engineer, and Oleson & Hobbie Architects are finalizing the plans in preparation for bidding the project in February. The Board reviewed the proposed bidding, approval, and construction timelines. Baker said that if everything goes as planned, a Grand Opening event could be held in the fall of 2020.

c. Lonsdale Area Veterans Memorial – Authorization to Solicit Quotes for the 2020 Expansion Project

Baker asked the Park Board to consider authorizing City Staff to obtain quotes for the 2020 Veterans Memorial Expansion Project. The Board reviewed the proposed expansion area sketch, and agreed that adding room for 12 more pavers should suffice for the next few years based on the amount of annual paver requests that come in. Baker said that it may not be long before another expansion will need to be planned.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend that City Staff solicits quotes for the 2020 Veteran Memorial Expansion Project.

Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier and Ryan; Against: None.
Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

d. 2019 Year-in-Review

The Commission decided to discuss this agenda item at their next meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to adjourn the meeting.

Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner