

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 27, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Utecht called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 415 Central Street West.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kari Miller, Micki Ziskovsky, Jeanette Utecht, Dana Nickell, and Charlie Peterfeso

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, Public Works Director Joe Dornfeld, and Community Development Planner Cory Hinz-Ibarra

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Utecht asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Miller, Ziskovsky, Utecht, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Utecht asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. Ziskovsky said there was a correction to 11.d and requested Loins Club be changed to community group. A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Miller to approve the corrected minutes from January 27, 2025 Meeting. Vote for: Miller, Ziskovsky, Utecht, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominate and Elect Parks & Recreation Commission Officers for 2025
Hinz-Ibarra said that based upon City Code §30.01 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, the Commission shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary at the first meeting of the year. Utecht requested nominations and Peterfeso nominated Miller for Chair, Utecht for Vice Chair, and Hinz-Ibarra for Secretary. A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to elect Kari Miller as the Park Board Chair, Jeannette Utecht as the Park Board Vice Chair, and Cory Hinz-Ibarra as Secretary. Vote for: Miller, Ziskovsky, Utecht, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- b. Discuss and Review City Code §30.01 Park & Recreation Advisory Commission
Hinz-Ibarra said Staff is requesting that the Park & Recreation Commission discuss and annually review City Code §30.01 Park & Recreation Advisory Commission. Hinz-Ibarra summarized the City Code and asked the Commission for recommended changes. The Commission agreed that changes were not needed.
- c. Overview of 2025 Park Department Projects
Dornfeld summarized the 2025 Park Department projects and timelines. Dornfeld confirmed to the Commission that the mulch was splinter and chemical free and coming from a location north of the Twin Cities, if budget permits the Jaycee Park bathroom stalls would be ADA compliant and an accessible ADA portable is located on-site meeting requirements, the concession stand water heater is being replaced, and changing tables would be included in the bathroom remodel. Dornfeld confirmed to Nickell that Staff are exceeding chemical label instructions for park applications around playgrounds and several Public Works Staff have the chemical applicator license. Utecht asked Staff if Carpentier would continue to plant city-wide flowers. Dornfeld said he did not know at this time and would confirm with her. Hinz-Ibarra encouraged the Commission that they are always welcomed to reach out to Staff if they have park or recreation questions.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Dornfeld said the ice rinks are currently closed due to the weather.
- b. Hinz-Ibarra invited the Commission to attend the City Council Work Session Scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- c. Hinz-Ibarra said starting at the February 24th meeting, all Advisory Board Meetings will be live streamed on a City of Lonsdale social media platform.
- d. Miller opened the discussion for fireworks. Erickson summarized the history of fireworks within the City and confirmed that funding came from fundraising, donations, and coordinated by volunteers. Peterfeso said the volunteers retired and the pyrotechnics license is difficult to acquire. Peterfeso said due to liability and finding a location is also challenging. Ziskovsky said a community group coordinated the fish fry event in the past to raise funding for the fireworks display. Miller said she would follow up with the fireworks discussion at the February 6th City Council Work Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Vote for: Miller, Ziskovsky, Utecht, Nickell, and Peterfeso. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cory Hinz-Ibarra, Community Development Planner