

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ryan to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, 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 Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to approve the Minutes from the October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Consider a Potential Relocation of the Lonsdale Dog Park to 900 Idaho Street SW
Baker asked the Board to consider recommending a new location for an off-leash dog park in Lonsdale. He said that City officials are currently working with two local businesses, Minnesota Millwork and MinDak, towards an agreement to: 1) construct another new building and associated storage yard at 823 Industrial Park Drive SE; and/or 2) construct a future building and associated storage yard at 829 Industrial Park Drive SE, which is the current home of the Lonsdale Dog Park. Baker stated that although a deal has not yet been reached between the business owners and the City, the possibility of construction starting on a new building could be a reality as-soon-as the spring of 2019, if everything aligns correctly.

Baker said that since a potential land sale is currently being negotiated between the parties, the City needs to be proactive and find another site of the Dog Park in case a deal goes through. He also noted that the local Girl Scout Troop has expressed interest in making some significant improvements to the Dog Park next year.

The Board members reviewed 4 potential City-owned parcels and 4 potential privately-owned parcels that could host the dog park. They also reviewed maps and pictures of the current site and possible expansion of Minnesota Millwork. Baker stated that City Staff is recommending relocated the Dog Park to the newly acquired property at 900 Idaho Street SW site, which is 14.3 acres of grassland, ponds, woods, and hillside. He said that the Idaho Street location would function similar to the Cleary Lake Dog Park, located near Prior Lake, which has walking trails, mature trees, and ponds.

Ryan said that she probably would not bring her dog to the 900 Idaho Street SW location unless there was more openly mowed places. Ziskovsky agreed that the site should be mowed to keep the wood tick numbers down. Utecht stated that you can't please everyone, and she said that the Idaho Street location looked to be the best option available. Kodada said the Idaho Street site would be a perfect place, especially if there was a sand entrance and dock constructed at one of the 3 ponds within the site. Kodada suggested that maybe some grading and drain tile work would help provide some more open dry ground areas within the site. After much discussion on the topic, the Board members agreed that it was important to keep a similar Dog Park amenity in town, and they recommended relocating the site to 900 Idaho Street SW when needed.

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Ryan to recommend that if necessary, the Dog Park should be relocated to the City-owned property at 900 Idaho Street SW. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

b. Update on the Fig Street NE Tree Planting Project

The Park Board members reviewed the pictures of the 10 recently planted trees along Fig Street NE by Knechts Nurseries. Baker stated that a similar tree planting project was along 8th Avenue NE. The Board members stated that the trees look nice along that stretch of roadway.

c. Update on the Trcka Park Project

The Park Board members reviewed updated pictures and a map of the Trcka Park Project. Baker explained the items that have recently been finished, and he went through the remaining items that need to be completed. Kodada asked if the tile line was crushed during the final grading work that took place this past fall. He also noted that there may be water ponding on the south end of the new parking lot. Overall, the Board members were happy with the progress on the project. Utecht said that she has reached out to representatives from the Minnesota United Loons to come down to the Lonsdale area to promote youth soccer.

d. Consider Approval of the January-February-March 2019 Green Team

Ryan asked about the Lonsdale-Waste Management Green Team Program. Kodada explained how the Green Team Program works and the benefits that it produces in the community. Baker stated that there are currently 3 Green Team applications on file, and he recommended selecting the applicant that submitted their application the earliest per the Green Team Policy.

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of the I.C. Council of Catholic Women as the Jan-Feb-Mar 2019 Green Team. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner