

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeanette Utecht

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. Ryan asked if Trcka Park rink lights could be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ryan to approve the agenda with the noted addition. 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 Ziskovsky and seconded by Carpentier to approve the Minutes from the August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting and the October 8, 2020 Trcka Park Grand Opening. 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. Tree City USA 2020 Application

The Park Board reviewed the 2020 Tree City USA application. Baker noted that it was not required to hold an Arbor Day event this past year due to COVID-19. He said that the City spent \$14.31 per capita, which equates to \$61,124.00 on tree related expenses. Baker explained how trees are removed and replaced during street reconstruction projects. He said that 40 trees were planted, 100 trees pruned, and 55 trees removed in 2020. Carpentier asked if the dead trees along Main Street would be replaced. Kodada said that there should be a warranty in place for trees planted along the Main Street project. After further review of the application, the Board thanked Baker for the update.

b. Update on the Trcka Park Project

Baker provided an update on the Trcka Park Project. He said that a new address of the Trcka Park Pavilion Building is now 330 Idaho Street SW. The Board reviewed pictures from and talked about the October 8th Grand Opening event. The Board also reviewed the final expense numbers, including project additions and saving items. Baker noted that Lonsdale's project came in about half as expensive as a similar warming house/ice rink project in Belle Plaine. He said that almost \$300,000 was saved through: rebidding the building, using donated equipment and Public Works Staff, other donations, and grant money. Baker said that there was a significant amount of money used for soil corrections and pad preparation. Baker said that Becker Arena Products has agreed to donate approximately \$500.00 of mats to run 30 ft. from the west door to the east side ice rink access door. He said that new goal nets from Becker arrived last week. The Board reviewed an example of warming house hours and rules and the current rate for hourly indoor ice time. Baker said that the City will charge \$30/hr. for ice time reservations for other groups that did not donate towards the project. The Board suggested that the rink be open during the week and on weekends consistently for the general public to use during specific hours. Baker said that Advanced Seeding did start some of the seeding work around the site. Kodada said that the project turned out very good, and he said that a plaque should be erected honoring the Park Board, Council, and Staff associated with the project.

c. Park Bench and Picnic Table Order

The Board members reviewed an order from Summit Supply Corporation of Colorado for 22 benches/tables, including 8 standard picnic tables, 5 handicap picnic tables, 2 in-ground benches, 5 warming house player benches, and 2 portable benches for outside the warming house. Baker said that a message board was also ordered for the warming house. Baker said that CARES Act funding was used to purchase the benches. The Board members looked at pictures of the new benches and tables located at various parks around town. Baker said that the Public Works Department will be providing an updated park bench and table inventory sheet in the near future.

d. Dog Park Update and Requests from Carin Rezac

The Board reviewed a list of Dog Park improvement requests from local resident and Dog Park spokesperson Carin Rezac, including: lighting, a windbreak, additional shelter space, a separate space for little dogs or un-socialized dogs, drainage work, and snow plowing a path along the fence line in the winter. Rezac touted Lonsdale's dog park from the front podium, and she provided reasoning for the improvement requests. She said that a windbreak and lights would be the top priorities. Kodada said that maybe a roll-up canvas windbreak, similar to the Montgomery shooting range, may work if placed on the north and west sides of the shelter. Kodada directed Staff to research if CARES Act money could be used for any of the improvements. The Board suggested that Rezac help form a Dog Park group that would prioritize goals and start fundraising. Baker and Kodada referenced past park improvement projects and partnerships that were successful due to donated money that helped initiate those improvements. The Board thanked Rezac for attending the meeting.

e. Update on BSA Girl Troop (7)327 Eagle Projects

The Board reviewed pictures of the Archery Range Table Project by Brianna Harper which she recently complete. Baker said that the tables were built out of sturdy and durable materials. They also reviewed in-progress pictures of the Jaycee Park Little Free Library Project by Kelsey Pelava.

f. Trenda Memorial Park Woodchip Replacement Project

Baker said that the Public Works Department budgeted money to replace the play area woodchips at Trenda Memorial Park in 2020. The Board reviewed pictures, showing the excavation of the old woodchips and installation of the new play surface woodchips. He said that any extra woodchips would be placed at other playgrounds, as needed.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Baker stated that Brianna Harper and her dad noticed that arrows from the archery range were found on the hillside not too far from the paved trail located directly south of the range. The Board discussed constructing a larger berm.
- Julie Ryan stated that a resident was wondering about the times for lights at Trcka Park. Baker said that the rink lights will only be on when the ice rink is reserved and every night until 10:00 pm during the winter skating season.
- Baker stated that Advisory Board openings will soon be advertised in the newspaper. He noted that Laura Carpentier's term was up at the end of the year.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner