

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Utecht, Micki Ziskovsky, and Kevin Kodada

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shelly Narum and Laura Carpentier

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

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

3. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to approve the Minutes from the October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Dog Park Project Update

Baker provided a brief update on the Dog Park Project while the Board members reviewed pictures of the site. He stated that fencing, trees, a yard hydrant, pipe obstacles, picnic tables, and a garbage can have all been placed at the site. Baker said that a permanent sign listing the rules/hours along with a pet waste station will be installed before the Dog Park Grand Opening, slated for the spring of 2017. He noted that the Police Department will be checking for dog licenses. Utecht stated that it is likely that a grassroots volunteer group will be created that will advocate for and maintain the dog park in the future.

b. Appoint a Lonsdale Park Board Representative to Help with the April 5, 2017 National Walking Day

Baker said that he was contacted by Mary Simon, of TCU Community Ed, wondering if anyone from the Park Board would be interested in helping lead a group of walkers for National Walking Day in Lonsdale. Baker suggested that either Utecht and/or Ziskovsky be would be great leaders for Lonsdale's first annual Lonsdale National Walking Day event. He noted that in case of poor weather that the event would move to the school gym. Utecht stated that she could potentially help lead the event. Ziskovsky stated that she would help if it didn't conflict with the Lonsdale Lions meeting, scheduled for that same evening.

c. Consider Approval of "TCU Lonsdale Elementary School – Green Team" as the Lonsdale & Waste Management Recycling Green Team for Jan-Feb-March 2017

The Park Board members reviewed a list of nine applications submitted for the Green Team Recycling Program. Baker recommended approving the TCU Lonsdale Elementary Green Team because they have never participated as the Recycling Green Team in the past. The Board discussed categorizing applications and potential criteria for selecting applicants to serve as the Green Team. As another options for service groups to raise money, Kodada wondered if there could be another recycling bin placed near the Waste Management dumpsters for aluminum cans.

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to approve the TCU Elementary School Green Team as the 2017 First Term Recycling Green Team. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

d. Hockey Rink Options and Discussion

Baker stated that the City was recently contacted by Jim Meyer and Jeff Heller, of the TCU Hockey Association, in regards to: 1) improving the current ice rink at Jaycee Park and 2) planning for a full-size hockey rink in town. Baker said that the Public Works Department is in the process of flooding a second sheet of ice at Jaycee Park, and they will be installing puck containment netting/fencing as soon as time permits. Sherri Meyer, of TCU Youth Hockey, attended the meeting. She provided hockey board plans and material cost estimates for a \$13,000 outdoor rink system. Baker stated that the Park Board and Hockey Association should work together to create a plan and timeline for adding a full-size ice hockey rink in town. Baker provided the Board members with pictures and cost estimates of different ice rink systems. The Park Board members reviewed and discussed different options for a new full-size outdoor hockey rink, including: 1) various types of ice rink boards, 2) types of rink flooring; and 3) warming house options.

In light of the August 2016 Community Center Referendum result, Kodada suggested that the City and Hockey Association take baby steps towards constructing any type of higher-cost hockey rink. Overall, the Park Board members agreed that it may be more advantageous to erect a lower cost ice rink

sometime in the near future with the help of volunteer labor, than to piecemeal together a higher-cost ice rink project over multiple years. The Board also agreed that any future ice rink should probably have a concrete base to support better ice in the winter and potentially basketball, roller hockey, and/or a skate park during the warmer months. Kodada stated that the Board can continue discussing outdoor ice rink options at their next few meetings in 2017.

e. Advisory Board Appointments

Baker presented the Park Board members with an updated sheet showing the Park Board Advisory Board term dates. He said that Advisory Board interviews will be taking place over the next few weeks, and he asked the Board members to let him know if anyone doesn't want to be on the Board.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Ziskovsky stated that due to the long-lasting painted race lines left behind on Main Street and along the pathways, the organizers of the Lonsdale Crawl 5k should use a different types of spray paint product or route markers next year. Erickson stated that he already talked with the Lonsdale Crawl about the issue. He also noted that the City will probably be requiring a special event permit in 2017 for similar outdoor events.

Utecht and Ziskovsky noted that mattresses were being dumped in/next to the dumpster at the Jayce Park. Erickson said that the City was recently made aware of the issue, and he said that the City will be removing the dumpster to a different location.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, and Kodada; Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner