

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Julie Ryan

**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. Baker asked if “Mayor Tim Rud” could be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Carpentier to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; 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 Ziskovsky to approve the Minutes from the January 27, 2019 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Mayor Tim Rud

Mayor Tim Rud thanked the Park Board members for their commitment and service to the community. He said that the Council really appreciates the dedication and vision that the Board brings to Lonsdale's parks/trails system and recreational programming. He said that he receives a lot of great comments on recent park projects, such as the recent Dog Park improvements and Trcka Park. Rud said that the Board and Staff have done a good job in obtaining grants, and he said that overall the City is well positioned well for the future. He again thanked the Park Board members for their service.

### b. Trcka Park Project - Ice/Hockey Rink Dasher Boards - Review Quotes & Consider Approval

The Park Board reviewed updated quotes from Becker Arena Products for the 5.0 and 6.0 dasher board system in the amount of \$85,020.00. Baker explained that the quotes were updated to reflect the Board's comments from the previous meeting, including an addition of a 10 ft. access gate, an option for 40 ft. acrylic see-through safety glass, and elimination of the players benches and four 2½ ft. wide access gates. Dan Mehren, of Becker Arena Products, provided clarification and information on the quotes and quality of the two dasher systems. Mehren said that the City can sell advertising on the boards as an option to raise funds for the project. Baker suggested that the Park Board consider taking out one of the large gates and add the acrylic glass along 40 ft. stretch parallel with the warming house. He also recommended going with the 5.0 Athletica Pro-Series System to save on overall project costs.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Utecht to recommend approval of the Athletica 5.0 dasher board system from Becker Arena Products. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

c. Trcka Park Project – Review Bids & Consider Approval

Baker stated that four bids were received and opened at 2:00 pm earlier in the day from: APX Construction – Mankato, K.A. Witt Construction – New Prague, Met-Con Construction – Faribault, and Tech Builders – Fairmont, ranging from \$424,000 - \$581,600. Baker said that there were seven plan holders interested in the project. He said that after the bid opening, City Staff, the project architect, and City Engineer discussed ways to lower the cost to get closer to the Engineer's estimate. City Staff went through the different ideas to get the building back within budget. Discussion was had on prevailing wages, material type, soil excavation and corrections, and building design. Baker said that the priority should be the actual ice rink and then the park building when considering the overall budget, but noted that set aside money is available this year and may not be next year. Carpentier wondered how much the amenity will actually get used. Utecht said that the facility would definitely be used by area schools, clubs, and general recreation. Kodada suggested rebidding the project with the suggested cost lowering solutions. The Park Board directed City Staff to reject the bids and rebid the park building project at Trcka Park.

d. Trcka Park Update – Latest Grading & Building Plans

City Staff and the Park Board went through the latest site and building plans with the Park Board. Erickson explained that the City Engineer redesigned the grading plan to eliminate a retaining wall, which would save the City \$60,000 or more. Erickson noted that the steep slopes would be covered with proper vegetation to eliminate the need for on-going maintenance.

e. Consider Approval of a Quote for the 2020 Lonsdale Veterans Memorial Expansion Project

The Park Board reviewed the Staff Report for the 2020 Lonsdale Veterans Memorial Expansion Project. Baker stated that two quotes were received for the 12-paver expansion project: 1) L.A. Kodada & Sons Masonry - \$0.00 (donation), and D & S Cement - \$575.00. Baker said that Owatonna Granite is in the process of providing updated costs on Granite Tablets (set of 6 pavers) and on-site engraving. The Board reviewed the proposed expansion plan sketch. Baker recommended accepting the bid from L.A. Kodada & Sons Masonry.

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Utecht to recommend approval of the quote from L.A. Kodada & Sons Masonry in the amount of \$0.00 (donation). Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Carpentier; Against: None. Abstained: Kodada. Vote 3-0-1. Motion carried.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Baker provided a brief update on the Rice County Public Health SHIP Program and the recent visit to River Bend Nature Center.
- City Staff provided a brief update on the Willow Creek Drive trail maintenance project.
- Erickson provided information regarding the Main Street light pole hanging flower baskets. Carpentier stated that she would volunteer her time to plant the Main Street flowers this year. Discussion took place regarding on-going fertilization options.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner