

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeanette Utecht, Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, and Joe Schmoll

**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 Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Schmoll; 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 Schmoll to approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Schmoll; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Consider Approval of the 2018 Waste Management Green Teams

The Board members reviewed 6 Green Team applications currently on file. Baker recommended approving the following Green Teams for the remainder of 2018: 1) Girl Scout Troop 44850, 2) Holy Cross Catholic School Athletes, and 3) Lonsdale American Legion Post 586. He said that the TCU Hockey Association is the current Green Team.

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to recommend approval of: 1) Girl Scout Troop 44850 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter), 2) Holy Cross Catholic School Athletes (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter), and 3) Lonsdale American Legion Post 586 (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter) as the remaining 2018 Green Teams. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Schmoll; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

### b. Request for a Dog Appreciation Day Event at the Lonsdale Dog Park on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 10:00am-2:00pm - Lori Kubes & Aleisha Holzinger

Aleisha Holzinger, Lori Kubes, and Jennifer Eggum addressed the Park Board from the front podium. They asked the Board to consider allowing them to schedule a Dog Appreciation Day on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Lonsdale Dog Park. Holzinger stated that she has been a part of similar events in the past, and she hoped that it would draw people to town to experience both Lonsdale and the new dog park. She provided an information sheet, pictures, and a site plan that explained the details of the event. Holzinger said that they hope to attract a few animal celebrities and up to 10 vendors to take part in the fun and educational event. She mentioned that she did check with the original dog park organizers, and she stated that everyone is invited to take part in the event. Holzinger said that she would advertise the event online and in the newspaper. Holzinger said that her event team would also provide cleanup of any dog waste and the overall site. The Park Board members all agreed that the event sounded like a good idea to help promote the new dog park. They thanked the Dog Appreciation Event group for attending their meeting.

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Utecht to recommend allowing a Dog Appreciation Event to be scheduled on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 10:00am – 2:00 pm at the Lonsdale Dog Park, 829 Industrial Drive SE. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Schmoll; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider a Partnership with the DNR Forestry (Faribault) Office to Develop the Natural Area at 900 Idaho Street SW (Heritage Estates)  
MN DNR Forester Jake Froyum presented a plan to the Lonsdale Park Board that would (re)develop the 14 acre site at 900 Idaho Street SW into a natural area. He said that he was made aware of the site because it went into tax forfeiture recently. He said that upon inspection, the site didn't have great timber value, but he said that the site does have good potential for establishing prairie grasses and flowers. He stated that the DNR can provide small trees for the project that school kids and/or volunteer groups can help plant at the site annually. Froyum went through the plan, which included timing for a prescribed burn timing, weed control, and seed mix recommendations. He said that wildflower seed can run up to \$200/lb. and 1-2 lbs. per acre are needed to cover the ground. Froyum said that he has many years of experience with this type of work, and he said that it would be a shame to see the site just let go. He stated that he could provide a list of area contractors to help with the project, if needed. Kodada and Ziskovksy both said that they like the idea. Ziskovsky said she would love to see wildflowers at the site.

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Schmoll to recommend approval to proceed with the DNR's plan to (re)establish the natural area at 900 Idaho Street SW. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Schmoll; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

- d. Proposed 2018 Recreation Programming from TCU Community Education and Three Rivers Park District  
The Park Board reviewed information and pictures on what types of activities Three Rivers Park District offers. Baker provided an overview of the scheduled 2018 activities for Three Rivers Park District and TCU Summer Recreation in Lonsdale. He said that Three Rivers will be coming to Lonsdale twice for the summer recreation program to help with archery and geocaching. Baker stated that there will also be a field trip up to Cedar Lake Farm for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, log rolling, and wall climbing. Baker stated that 2 Family Archery Classes are scheduled for August and October.
- e. Update from Rice County Public Health & Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)  
Baker provided a brief update on Rice County Public Health and the SHIP Program. He stated that Lonsdale received a \$1,000 SHIP mini-grant for a hydration station to be installed at Lonsdale City Hall.
- f. Update on the 2018 TCU Soccer Association Season  
TCU Soccer Board Member Jeanette Utecht provided an update on the upcoming TCU Soccer season. She talked about how the Association is trying to get better at communication and organization. She said that they are setting up by-laws addressing items such as team pictures and uniforms earlier this season.

g. Update on the Trcka Park Project at 1001 Main Street South

The Park Board reviewed the site plan for Trcka Park. They discussed installing drain tile and an irrigation system. The Board all agreed that it was important to get the turf established as-soon-as-possible with the help of an in-ground irrigation system. Schmoll stated that he would provide contact information for MTI Distributing, a company that has helped the City of Lakeville with designing irrigation systems. Baker explained the City's requirements for off-street parking areas, and he asked the Board if they would consider using Park Fund money to help pave the proposed parking lots. The Board agreed that only the eastern parking lot is needed at this time. The Board directed City Staff to get estimated cost numbers to pave the parking lot along Main Street South. Kodada asked if some of the project could be funded by the Water Fund, due to a driveway needed to access the new Well No. 5.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Kodada suggested that the City officially determine who will be responsible for snow removal on the new Main Street South trail and sidewalk. He stated that the City should at least remove the snow on the new the trail, extending from Florida Street to Idaho Street.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, and Schmoll; Against: None. Vote 4-0. Motion carried. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner