

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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 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 Utecht to approve the Minutes from the June 12, 2018 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

Ryan arrives to the meeting.

- a. TCU Soccer Information – TCU Youth Soccer Director Erin Berry
TCU Youth Soccer Director Erin Berry provided an update on the 2018 soccer season and goals for the future of TCU Soccer. She said that there were a total of 189 players, including 66 recreation-plus players and 123 recreation players. She noted that 65 of the recreation players were from Lonsdale, which allowed (3) U8 teams, (3) U6 teams, and (1) U4 team. She said that the new program is getting more organized with help from a more solid and consistent Board. She noted that Lonsdale did a wonderful job getting its fields ready, painted, and maintained compared to Montgomery and LeCenter. She stated that they would like to add fall soccer and host a 3-on-3 tournament in the future. Berry said that they need to train and recruit more referees. She said that the new fields at Trcka Park will be helpful with the recreation teams. She said that all ages in Lonsdale will be able to play at one location so that families with multiple playes are not traveling between two locations. She also provided an update on the potential for TCU High School soccer. Utecht said that parking wasn't really much of an issue along 2nd Avenue NE near Trender Memorial Park this year.
- b. Project Updates
The Commissioners reviewed updates on: 1) the Area No 5 (Main Street) Project; 2) the Trcka Park Project, including water line installation, irrigation, seeding, and a potential park sign; 3) Staff's overview on a recent meeting at the Historic Trondhjem Lutheran Church; 4) a recent Rice County Public Health/SHIP meeting/grant update; and 5) recent paver orders and engraving at the Lonsdale Area Veterans Memorial Park
- c. Determine Locations for City Trees
Baker stated that due to three recent commercial land use permit applications the City will need to find a place for 9-20 trees to be planted on City property. After reviewing multiple bird's eye view maps of potential places for the new trees, the Board decided on the following priority areas: 1) Trcka Park, 2) 500-700 block of Fig Street NE, and 3) the bock of 900 Idaho Street SW.

d. Review the Proposed 2019 Parks & Recreation Budget

Baker provided the Park Board with the latest updates on the 2019 Budget. He said that the Council has considered funding the following items: 1) \$12,500 for recreation; 2) \$25,000 for the Willow Creek Heights Trail; 3) \$20,000-\$30,000 for a Kromer field maintenance vehicle; and 4) \$50,000 to complete Trcka Park, including a parking lot, fencing, and landscaping. Kodada stated that the Council has been receptive to most projects that the Park Board has recommended over the years. He said that in the past saving a little money each year hasn't seemed to work out for the future funding of large-scale projects. He recommended presenting such projects to the City Council annually to see which projects may get funded in a particular year based on that year's financial circumstances and taking into account other proposed projects.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Ziskovsky stated that Hillside Flowers has stated interest in bidding on planting the Main Street flower pot planters, once they are installed next year.
- Carpentier recommended adding a fertilizer tank for the Main Street planters irrigation system.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Utecht to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Ryan; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner