

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Joel Erickson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kodada called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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, Kowalski and Carpentier. Against: None. Vote 5-0. 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 June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kowalski and Carpentier. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Discuss Locations for the Stake Park

Erickson said with the City being the winning bidder on the skate park items, the next step in the process is to select a location so staff can obtain quotes for installation of the base and surface. The Board reviewed aerial photos of each park and several other possible locations for the stake park and discussed location, access, lighting, proximity to residential properties, security and cost. Kowalski asked if there was a sidewalk to Sticha Park. Erickson said not at this time but it was discussed during the budget process to add a section of sidewalk west from Willow Creek Dr. SE to improve safety for pedestrians accessing the park. Erickson said he would ideally recommend Tenda Memorial Park but said the least controversial park would be Sticha Park. Kodada asked if Rice County would be interested in selling or leasing the southern portion of the Rice County shop property adjacent to the Jaycee Park. Carpentier asked if the soils at Sticha are acceptable for the skate park surface based on discussions when the pavilion was built there. Erickson suggested getting more information on the soils at Sticha Park and a cost estimate from engineering based on the soil conditions. The Board prioritized the locations for the skate park as (1) Sticha; (2) County Shop and (3) Tenda Memorial Park.

b. Discuss Future of the Jaycee Park Ice Rink

Erickson said now that the ice rink at Trcka Park will be in operation this year for the third year, he said the Board should discuss the future of the ice rink at Jaycee Park. He said based on the amount of time staff spends on getting the ice ready, maintaining it and lack of use, the Board should discuss the future of the ice rink. Erickson said staff has determined it is not worth the amount of time spent on the rink and suggested it no longer be used. He said use is less than when it was the only rink on town. Carpentier said the use seems to be less than prior years. Utech said the rink gets used more than people think and it should be kept for young children learning to skate. Erickson said based on the discussion, the Board wants to keep the ice rink and that staff will need to look into options to reduce the amount of prep time. He said a liner should be purchased or the existing soil excavated and replaced with clay, which would hopefully reduce the amount of prep time necessary.

c. Update on the 2023 Budget

Erickson said Board members attended the July 25, 2022 Special City Council meeting to discuss the City's preliminary 2023 budget. He reviewed discussion held at that meeting and the recommendation of the Park Board. Erickson provided the Board an update on the budget process, what has been discussed and what is being recommended for park improvements, equipment, etc.

d. Update on Landscaping

Erickson said funds were budgeted for landscaping improvements and staff has begun making those improvements. He said staff is working on adding mulch and rock to the welcome signs, planting replacement trees on Idaho St. and Fig St. and planting trees at Trcka Park. The Board discussed removing trees at the welcome signs that have grown too large.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Kowalski to adjourn the meeting.

Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Kowalski and Carpentier; Against: None.

Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator