

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 2, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen, Suzanne Miller, Mike Bilkey, Adele Van Ness, Letha Kelsey Klobberdanz, and Bill Welch

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Kennan Buhr, and Jennifer Sweeney

Others: Paul Skidmore, Bob Redelings, Linda Redelings

2. Public Input. None

3. Approve Minutes of June 4, 2019 Meeting

MOTION (Welch/Bilkey) to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Parks Financials

Ostrander reviewed the financial statements.

5. Update: Pickleball Demo (Bob Redelings)

Bob Redelings gave an update. Redelings stated that there seemed to be interest in the area for pickleball. He requested reimbursement of \$42.00 for tape since he had to put it down twice due to the weather. He felt that the temporary court would suffice for this year and requested that a permanent court be considered the next time the tennis courts were due to be painted.

6. Update: Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (Paul Skidmore)

Skidmore provided an update and asked for updates on ongoing discussions related to the dog park, Columbia Park, etc. Skidmore gave information regarding leashed and non-leashed dog parks in Madison. He provided samples of master plans from Madison. He is hoping to have a draft of Lodi's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) next week to send to the Committee prior to the August meeting. Van Ness noted that a draft of the plan will help the Committee move forward.

7. Review of Council Decision on Proposed Dog Park Location – Discussion on Future Location

The committee discussed a dog park location outside of the city limits. An option is near County Highway J. Miller stated concern that the dog park would be located outside of the city but city dollars would pay for fencing, etc. Bilkey expressed concern that the dog park wouldn't be walkable so users would need to drive to use the park. The Committee agreed if the dog park would be located in the town of Lodi, then they should be asked to contribute.

8. Review and Recommendation to Amend Chapter 307, Trees

MOTION (Stevenson/Bilkey) to recommend to Council amending Chapter 307, Trees. Motion carried

Stevenson noted that the Public Works and Utilities Committee has looked over this ordinance amendment and approved its recommendation to Council. Bilkey noted that the Director of Operations can designate tree removal in this ordinance change, which is more efficient than waiting for the Parks Committee's approval.

9. Discussion and Recommendation on B. Hibbard Memorial Fund Close-Out Expenditure

Van Ness spoke to Angie Hibbard regarding this fund. Angie Hibbard stated that Bernice Hibbard originally gave a sum of money assuming it would be invested and grow over time. Currently, there is a little less than \$7,000 in the fund. Angie Hibbard recommended spending the money on something permanent and requested a memorial plaque be included. Some ideas the Committee considered were bicycle racks and a structure for a water bottle filling station in the parks. The Committee should develop ideas for the 2020 budget. Ostrander noted that the budget process begins next month so the Committee's ideas should be brought to that meeting.

10. Discussion of Pool Funding

The Committee agreed that they were beyond the point of attempting to collect funds that were previously pledged. Money for the pool will have to come out of the general fund from tax dollars. Stevenson stated charging an admission fee will not cover the operations of the pool. There is not a stipulation that the pool remains free, but it's not feasible to charge an admission fee.

11. Update: Strangeway Fund Non-Spendable Balance

City staff couldn't find a record of a resolution that specified a non-spendable balance. The committee prefers to maintain a minimum of \$100,000 in the fund but does not want to formally restrict the monies.

12. Review Park Sub-Committee Assignments

The committee discussed sub-committee assignments agreeing, to the following:

| Sub-Committee | Members | Volunteers |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunset Park | Eric Hansen | |
| Spring Creek Park | Adele Van Ness | Allison Seaton |
| Spring Creek Walkway | Rich Stevenson | |
| Tree | Mike Bilkey | |
| Swimming Pool Park | Mike Bilkey | |
| Strangeway and Glen View Play Lots | Suzanne Miller | |
| Habermann Park | Mike Bilkey | Ted Goeres |
| Veteran's Park | Adele Van Ness | |
| Spring Creek Wall | Mikel Bilkey | |
| Kohn Park | Bill Welch | Charlie Luthen |
| Goeres Park | Mike Bilkey | Steve Brokish Ted Goeres |
| Dog Park | Eric Hansen | Curtis Ryan Molly Cabaj |
| Lodi Street Park (Pit Park) | Letha Kelsey-Kloberdanz | |
| Doctors Park | Bill Welch | |
| Western Park | Letha Kelsey-Kloberdanz | |
| Rain Garden | Bill Welch | Patti Herman Jody Thistle |
| Columbia Park | Eric Hansen | |

13. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is August 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Agenda items include Kohn Park, the CORP, name selection for Pit Park.

14. Adjourn

MOTION (Bilkey/Welch) to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.