

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting  
Minutes of July 9, 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.