

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of September 1, 2020**

1. Call to Order

Chair Clemens called meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Steve Clemens(virtual), Bill Welch, Mikel Bilkey, Geoffrey Vorlander (virtual)

Excused: Suzanne Miller, Letha Kelsey Kloberdanz

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Sandy Bloechl, Terry Weter

Others: Mayor Ann Groves Lloyd

2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement. Clemens reviewed the announcement.

3. Public Input. None.

4. Approve Minutes from August 4, 2020

MOTION (Stevenson/Welch) to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2020 meeting. Roll call vote: Aye (Stevenson, Clemens, Welch, Bilkey and Vorlander) Motion carried.

5. Parks Financials. No discussion.

6. 2021 Budget Discussion

- **Parks** – added 2 part time employees at \$14/hr to water hanging baskets and to help clean parks and maintenance, help maintaining ball diamonds, also try to eliminate Elec/Water employees from lawn maintenance – question was discussed about any agreement regarding ball diamonds, Bilkey questioned if it would be better to contract out the lawnmowing instead of hiring more people and maintaining equipment, Clemens asked if Weter would check into contracting out mowing
- **Parks Development** - If the restrooms are done (\$25,000) that would leave about \$7,000 for a dog park
- **Strangeway** – creek wall project was not completed in 2020, Stevenson explained that goal is to keep \$100,000 minimum balance in the Strangeway fund, Clemens questioned why \$100,000 – Bilkey said that at one time when interest rates were high they just spent the earnings, Ostrander wanted to know why funds can't be combined instead of having so many funds; Bilkey explained that the Strangeway fund was set up to cover capital purchases for repair, Clemens asked Ostrander to put together a proposal to combine park funds and bring to next meeting
- **Pool** - no changes and are budgeting for next year like the pool will be open, Clemens suggested that the overage from 2020 be transferred to Park Development fund and leave the amount taxed the same as last year, Stevenson would like to see the excess go toward payment on the pool, Ostrander will come up with a budget amendment and bring it back to next agenda

7. Parks Capital Improvement Plan/Asset Life Cycle Management

Welch – get rid of orange snow fences, Long Pond, Habermann bathrooms, rock walls on creek, creek park stairway & deck, Habermann water feature, Fair St rock wall

Stevenson – retention walls for creek, Habermann restroom, Long Pond, Fair St walls, park benches (rock) at ball parks

Bilkey – agrees with Welch's list

Vorlander – agrees with above items, basketball courts by tennis courts and tennis courts

Collins – agrees with Welch & Bilkey, rock wall on hwy 113,

Groves Lloyd explained that she believes the Goeres family will help financially with the repair of Long Pond

8. Doctors Park Conceptual Design Proposal

Welch explained that a nice kiosk could be installed next year including a map of routes around town. Clemens questioned the need for stone seating. Welch does think it would be useful. Welch did also have a discussion with a sculpture

9. Kohn Park History and Plan

Welch explained that at this point there are no costs involved from the city. A team from the Prairie Enthusiasts would burn the area March or April of 2021 along with the Lodi Area Volunteer Fire Dept. Then there is a certain seed mix for that type of prairie that would be used.

10. Pickleball Courts

Everyone agreed this is moving along as expected

11. Goeres and Habermann Parks Restrooms

No discussion

12. Discussion/Recommendation on Spring Creek Retaining Wall Reconstruction

Bilkey questioned that some of the wall has been repaired on the west side. Stevenson said that the part of the wall that has been repaired wouldn't be touched. Weter has not heard back with any new information.

13. Goeres Park Long Pond Repair

Chances are all will be removed and start over

14. Dog Park

Postpone discussion for several months.

15. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Item

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Items for next agenda: pool budget surplus and what to use it for, Doctors Park

16. Adjourn

MOTION (Stevenson/Bilkey) to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer