

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of December 3, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Chair Ripp called meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Eric Hansen, Tim Ripp, Mike Goethel, Geoffrey Vorlander, Jennie Larsen, Kelsey Brady

Excused: Charlie Luthin

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Jennifer Sweeney, James Lincoln

Others: Ann Groves Lloyd, Scott Allen, Susan Lee, Lisa McKay, Patti Nelson, Marie Burgette Bach

2. Meeting Etiquette.

Ripp read the meeting etiquette

3. Public Input. Scott Allen spoke on behalf of the group he is in that is working to protect, improve, and enhance Spring Creek. A topic they have discussed is cultivating natural plants along Spring Creek. The group would like to work with the city to help protect and improve the creek.

4. Approve of Minutes from July 2, 2024

MOTION (Vorlander, Hansen) to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2024 meeting. Voice Vote: Vorlander, Goethel, Ripp, Hansen, Larsen, Brady- Aye (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Parks Financials

Vorlander asked a question regarding money that was budgeted in 2024 for parks building and maintenance. Ayers addressed his questions.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Resurfacing of Basketball Court, Tennis, and Pickleball Courts

Lincoln provided an estimate in the amount of \$43,500 from one contractor to resurface the basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts. The estimate includes \$31,000 for the tennis and pickleball court areas and \$12,500 for the basketball court area. The estimate would involve leveling the cracks, resealing, painting, and striping the courts. Longevity for resurfacing can be anywhere from five to ten years.

Lincoln spoke to other contactors who do this type of work to determine if the surface should be replaced instead of resurfaced. The five contractors he spoke to agreed resurfacing is sufficient. Ripp would like to see at least three bids for the resurfacing of the courts in the spring. Most contractors said the process takes about a week.

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Stone Seating in Goeres Park

Lincoln discussed large stone seating in Goeres Park near the play equipment. He recommends installing these in the park in the winter while the ground is frozen. The estimate with delivery is approximately \$2,500 for one truck load. About 20 stones would be delivered. City staff can move the stones if it is decided they should be moved to a different location.

MOTION (Larsen, Vorlander) to recommend to Common Council stone seating in Goeres Park. Voice Vote: Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Vorlander, Larsen, Brady - Aye (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

8. Dog Park Update

Larsen stated by July the Friends of the Dog Park had raised about \$2,000. The group has now raised \$11,560. The group is trying to meet their goal by March 31.

9. Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent Report

Lincoln provided an update regarding the departments he supervises.

10. Meeting Recap

Ripp gave a recap of the items discussed.

11. Future Agenda Items

DNR presentation regarding Spring Creek
Dog Park for the February Parks Committee meeting

12. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

MOTION (Vorlander, Brady) to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. Voice Vote: Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Vorlander, Larsen, Brady
- Aye (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Deputy Administrator

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