

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 7, 2023**

1. Call to Order

Chair Ripp called meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Geoffrey Vorlander, Mikel Bilkey, Tim Ripp, Rich Stevenson, Luke Kloberdanz

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, James Lincoln, Jennifer Sweeney

Excused: Mike Goethel, Kelsey Brady

Others: Jonathan Stefonek

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None

4. Approve of Minutes from December 6, 2022 and January 14, 2023

MOTION (Bilkey, Vorlander) to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting and January 14, 2023. Vote: Aye (Vorlander, Bilkey, Ripp, Kloberdanz, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Parks Financials.

Ayers confirmed that any interest from the Pool Endowment Fund is moved to the Pool Operations Fund.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Prioritizing Goals Identified at the Special Meeting on January 14, 2023

Ripp provided an overview of what was discussed at the special meeting for committee members who were not in attendance. Ripp will put together a rough, master plan for Lodi St Park. Council would like clear priorities from the Parks Committee for the parks. The committee discussed if the permits to dredge the creek are still active. Lincoln will look into it. The committee would also like to remove the metal grills. Stevenson highlighted that benches should be removed from downtown and into the parks. Lincoln confirmed that the rotary is no longer interested in moving the concrete benches on a yearly basis. Lincoln explained the current plan to find permanent locations for the benches.

Lincoln explained that some playground equipment in Goeres Park is not safe or not fixable. Lincoln listed some equipment that needs to be removed. He also spoke to a vendor who can provide options. City staff has completed all minor repairs.

The committee also discussed restrooms in the parks at the softball diamonds.

Ripp wants the committee to begin putting some resources together for Lodi St park. Lincoln discussed the challenges with turning the area on Lodi St into a park. Stevenson questioned if there is enough money to take care of current parks.

7. Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent Report

Lincoln reviewed activities and projects in the departments he supervises.

8. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and Agenda Items

- Goal Prioritization for Parks
- Costs of implementing priorities

9. Adjourn MOTION (Stevenson, Kloberdanz) to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Voice Vote: all Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst