

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 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, Mike Goethel, Kelsey Brady
Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, James Lincoln, Sandy Bloechl

Excused: Luke Kloberdanz

Others: Jonathan Stefonek

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None

4. Approve of Minutes from February 7, 2023

MOTION (Vorlander, Bilkey) to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2023. Vote: Aye (Goethel, Vorlander, Bilkey, Ripp, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.** Brady arrived after this vote was taken

5. Parks Financials.

No discussion

6. Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent Report

Lincoln reviewed activities and projects in the departments he supervises.

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

Ayers gave overview of estimated annual revenue and expenses. Included a list of updates needed in parks. Lincoln explained the reasoning behind the 2023 expenses proposed. Lights at ball fields, ice rink options and playground equipment. Stevenson suggested prioritize expenses and doing this in phases since all of it would deplete the funds available. Ripp complemented Lincoln for coming up with great ideas for the ice rink.

Motion (Goethel, Stevenson) Recommend to Finance Replacement of Ball Park Lights \$42,642. Vote: Aye (Stevenson, Ripp, Bilkey, Vorlander, Goethel, Brady). **Motion carried.**

Ripp discussed bringing his plan for Doctors Park and information on the labyrinth. Goethel wasn't sure if we should ask the community for funds for a labyrinth since there is so many other projects that are needed. Ripp agreed but said that the labyrinth has community interest and he would ask the community members who are interested to help fund the costs. Goethel requested to see a master plan of what the parks will look like instead of a hodgepodge on what is going where.

8. Next Meeting Date – WEDNESDAY April 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and Agenda Items

- Playground Equip
- Ice Rink
- Doctors Park

9. Adjourn MOTION (Goethel, Bilkey) to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Voice Vote: all Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer