

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of August 16, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Chair Ripp called meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Geoffrey Vorlander, Mikel Bilkey, Tim Ripp, Kelsey Greenwood, Luke Kloberdanz, Rich Stevenson (5:26 PM)

Excused: Mike Goethel

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Terry Weter, Jennifer Sweeney

Others: Mayor Groves Lloyd

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None

4. Approve Minutes from July 5, 2022

MOTION (Vorlander, Bilkey) to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022 meeting. Vote: Aye (Vorlander, Bilkey, Ripp, Kloberdanz, Greenwood); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Parks Financials.

Ripp mentioned the overage on tree trimming and planting. Weter explained the grant revenue will not show up on that line item. Ripp also mentioned the repair of a maintenance vehicle. Weter explained a transmission was repaired in the early spring. Bilkey questioned the negative balance for investment fees.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Reduced Park Shelter Deposit for Concerts in Parks Series

Ayers clarified that the group is asking for the same reduced deposit rate as in 2021. There are two concerts scheduled. One already occurred.

Motion (Bilkey, Vorlander) to recommend to council accepting the reduced park shelter deposit for the Concerts in the Parks Series. Aye - (Bilkey, Ripp, Greenwood, Vorlander, Kloberdanz). Nay – (0) **Motion carried.**

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding the Updated Pickleball Agreement

Ayers took concerns to the city attorney regarding the indemnification clause, and he added additional suggested language to the agreement. The city attorney also suggested the pickleball group become a non-profit because it is easier to pursue a liability case against a non-profit entity than a group of individuals. Kloberdanz stated the city is setting a precedence with this sort of agreement. Groves Lloyd stated that a lot of the baseball and softball groups have become non-profit groups due to insurance liability reasons. Members of the pickleball group clarified that people can show up to play at no charge and they will provide instructions, but if they want to become part of the club, then there's a one-time annual fee of \$10 that the club charges to members. The committee would like clarification on the non-profit status for the next meeting. The committee also agreed they do not need specific schedule language in the agreement.

8. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Lodi Street Park

Ripp asked Weter to go over the cost estimate he provided. Weter calculated a 200 ft by 400 ft area. The estimate includes 4 inches of top soil. The wages are not benefit hours; they are just straight hours from employees. Weter also noted that there are no equipment numbers in the quote either. The estimate he provided is materials and labor to haul out materials and bring in 4 inches of top soil. Ripp feels the \$51,055 is not an accurate estimate for the space—the estimate is too high. Ripp would like the estimate to be re-worked. The committee requested updated requirements on play structures and would like to level out the park to create green space.

9. Director of Operations Report

The Long Pond has been removed and seeded over. A parks employee is done for the season this week. The city did not receive a stewardship grant for the walls along the creek.

10. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and Agenda Items

- Parks Development Budget
- Meet at the Lodi St Park for one meeting (special meeting in October)

11. Adjourn MOTION (Ripp, Bilkey) to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Voice Vote all Ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVED