

Town of Lodi

Park Commission meeting minutes for July 20, 2016

1. Call to order and roll call – Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Peg Ford. Commission members present: Dyan Kopitzke, Denise Patterson, Nancy Mitchell, Peg Ford, and Town Supervisor and Park Liaison Jim Bechen. Also present: Rick Waugh, Scott Ness, Paulette Walker-Smith, George and Mindy Skinner, Laura Kruck and daughter, and Tom Marx.
2. Citizen Input – Rick Waugh discussed all the improvements being made to the Harmony Grove parks and very little being done in Okee parks. He expressed concern that the Parks Commission seems to be blocking what volunteers want to do at the Bay Drive Park. Rick is also concerned with all of the vandalism at Michaels and Kalscheur parks in Harmony Grove and feels that there needs to be more supervision as graffiti is being painted on playground equipment and carved into picnic tables. Rick and a crew of 4 recently spent 8.5 hours trimming and clearing at Kalscheur Park. Mindy Skinner questioned what can still be done at Bay Drive Park to keep poison ivy and other noxious weeds from taking over. She quoted article in USA Today and referred to County and Town ordinances prohibiting noxious weeds.
3. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2016 Meeting – Motion Denise to amend minutes regarding Bay Drive Park to say: “UW students or anyone with experience in landscape architecture to submit designs for Bay Drive Park”. Second, Dyan. Motion carried 4/0
4. On behalf of the Parks Commission and Town of Lodi, Peg thanked Jim Bechen for power washing the Okee School House and Rich Waugh for all of his work at Lewis Burns and Kalscheur Parks. Peg presented some options for paying Kevin Sopha for his work including vehicle and gas to deliver bark chips to all of the Town of Lodi Parks. Motion Nancy to pay Kevin Sopha \$20 per hour for 13.5 hours delivering bark to each of the Town parks. Second, Dyan. Motion carried 4/0
5. Discussion on park improvements – what is complete and what needs to be done. Bark chips have been delivered and spread at all parks. Thanks to everyone who worked on this.
  - A. Webster – Discussion on dead elm being removed and brush pile chipped to spread on path. Bid was presented at June meeting for this work from K & M. Also slide being added to playground. It was brought up that more trees need to be removed at Okee School House, Linda Circle, Kalscheur, Lewis Burns and Wildenberg. Dyan will get bids and bring to August meeting and then we will prioritize what trees need to be done first.
  - B. Okee School House –Some playground equipment, information box and fishing/observation deck all need to be painted or stained. Dyan will get paint and/or stain and ask for volunteers to do the work. Tom Marx suggested deciding on a work date and having April send out a note to the Town of Lodi email list seeking volunteers willing to help.
  - C. Okee Beach – Everything is okay. Geese seem to be gone....for now.
  - D. Kalscheur Park – Has been trimmed and cleared by Rick Waugh and crew. Looks much better. Ash tree needs to be removed. Park could use more play equipment for younger children. Discussed switching picnic tables between Kalscheur and Lewis Burns parks.
  - E. Michael Park – Basket Ball Hoops, donated by the Harmony Grove Association are going up soon and then stripes will be painted. Some playground equipment needs painting. Peg will get paint and seek volunteers. Discussion on more cameras being installed to prevent vandalism.
  - F. Lewis Burns – “No Dogs Allowed on Athletic Field” signs are in and Rick will install. Denise will get paint for dugouts and bench and then seek volunteers. Jim Bechen has been maintaining the ball diamond.
  - G. Linda Circle – Two trees need to be removed.
  - H. Arbor Valley – Dog Waste Station has been ordered. (Per April it just arrived) Phase II of playground
  - I. Wildenberg Park – Ongoing work. Boy Scout project for clearing.
  - J. Conservancy Park – Walking path has been seal coated. Motion Nancy to have the Conservancy Park Fund reimburse 2016 Park Commission budget \$3,000 to pay for the seal coating of the walking path. Second Dyan. Motion carried 4/0 Per Dyan, John Davis will repair the gazebo roof.
  - K. Bay Drive Park – Dyan reported she was in contact with Professor Eric Schuchardt regarding UW students working on Landscape Architecture through the Capstone Project. The Capstone Project has previously done 2 projects for the City of Lodi. There is an application process and the deadline is August 12, 2016. It would be a

two semester project. The first semester would be developing design and second semester would be implementing the design. The expenses the Parks Commission would be responsible for are the gas/cost of their transportation to site, any printing and the plants or seeds needed to be purchased to implement the design. Dyan also discussed UW students working on Masters Degree who need an independent project and work with Professor Deb Griffin. Motion Denise to have Dyan complete the application for Capstone Project with input from Mindy Skinner and Laura Kruck and submitting it prior to the August 12 deadline. Second Nancy. Motion carried 4/0. Jim suggested contacting the City, since they have worked with Capstone group previously with any questions or for tips on completing application. Nancy made a motion to continue with spraying poison ivy and other noxious weeds per Town ordinance. Discussion held on what weeds get sprayed and who oversees it. Dyan would like to see only poison ivy and poison oak sprayed and would like to oversee it. Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion Peg to have Rick purchase the spray for Bay Drive Park to spray poison ivy and poison oak and Dyan to be involved in what is sprayed. Second Nancy. Motion carried 4/0. Nancy thanked the Skinners, the Smiths and all others who worked on cleaning and clearing the Bay Drive Park.

6. Jim suggested we get playground equipment ordered so we can get it installed this year. Motion Peg to purchase a slide for Webster Bluff Park and a Spring Rider for Kalscheur Park, with total price for product, delivery and installation not to exceed \$10,000. Second Dyan. Motion carried 4/0. Nancy will get final cost from Gerber Leisure and get information to April to order as soon as possible.
7. Discussion on the possibility of having a group look at design options for Wildenberg Park. Motion Denise for Dyan to contact Deb Griffin and get more information on the process to have her group of UW students work on design for Wildenberg Park as their independent project. Second Peg. Motion carried 4/0

Next agenda items to be included:

2017 Parks Commission Budget, prioritize tree removal, additional playground equipment needed including second phase at Arbor Valley, Bay Drive update on Capstone Project application and spraying. Update on all other parks.

Next meeting August 17, 2016

Motion at 8:03 PM by Denise to adjourn. Second Nancy. Motion carried 4/0