

## Town of Lodi

### Park Commission Minutes July 18, 2018

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Notice of meeting was posted. Present: Jim Bechen, Neil Heskin, Corey Detert and Nancy Mitchell. Excused: Peg Ford
2. **Citizen Input** – Scott Ness was present to answer any questions or concerns regarding the mowing of the parks. Mowing on Red Cedar and at the end Summerville Park Rd. is being done for the Township but is not part of the Park budget for mowing. Scott will begin sending two separate bills; one bill for all of the parks and another bill for any other mowing done for the Town of Lodi that is not park property.
3. **Park Account Balances** – Billing for the electrical at the ball diamond in Lewis Byrns Park came in under the estimate. No further questions regarding anything that was billed.
4. **Park Updates** –
  - a) Lakeview Okee Conservancy Park – A blaze maple tree has been planted along Rapp Rd side of park, which was donated by Gil Churchill. A blaze maple was also donated by Tim and Terry Escher and was planted on Summerville Park side. Memorial plate was installed on bench donated by Susan Fisk.
  - b) Lewis Byrns Park – The ball diamond electrical work for pitching machine has been completed. A tree needs to come down by the park shelter. We are waiting for a quote from Jim Meister.
  - c) Playground equipment and bark have been completed at both Lewis Byrns and Madeline Summers Parks. Memorial name plate has been installed on bench at Madeline Summers Park.
  - d) Karen Schmitz has donated a park bench in memory of her husband. This has been ordered and will be installed at the Lake Park in Okee in August.
5. **Dog Waste Station Purchase** – Discussion on purchasing 4 more dog waste stations. Motion to purchase N. Mitchell, second N. Heskin. Motion carried 4/0
6. **Optimist Club Ball Diamond Expense sharing** – Discussion on asking the Optimists to share in the cost of maintaining ball diamond at Lewis Byrns. A discussion on the expenses that come with having a ball diamond, including hiring contractor to route water away from field, purchasing lime, rolling the outfield, dragging the infield, marking infield, painting dugouts, new roofs on dugouts, electricity, etc. It was felt since the optimists charge a fee for each child that plays ball, perhaps they would be willing to share in the expenses of maintaining ball diamond. Jim Bechen will explore this further.
7. **Trash Receptacle Purchase** - An additional trash receptacle is needed at Madeline Summers Park and at Lewis Byrns Park to be placed near the playgrounds. Motion Corey Detert, second Neil Heskin to purchase 2 additional trash receptacles. Motion carried 4/0
8. **Approval of June 20, 2018 meeting minutes** – One correction on #4, name is Susan Fisk. Motion N. Heskin to approve, second Corey Detert. Motion carried 4/0
9. **Next meeting date** – August 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM
10. **Adjourn** – Motion N. Heskin to adjourn at 7 PM, second N. Mitchell. Motion carried 4/0

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Mitchell, acting secretary