

Town of Lodi
Park Commission Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 5:00 pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order – James Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Roll Call- Present: James Brooks, Nancy Mitchell, Mike Linak, Peg Ford; also present Brian Ecklor, Public Works Director; Citizens: Laura Kruck, Angie Olson
3. Citizen Input – None
4. Secretary Report – Minutes of the November 11, 2020 and March 17, 2021 meetings were presented; minutes were approved with the following corrections: Under #7 Park Commission vacancy should read “two from Harmony Grove and Two from Okee, one from outside”. Under #8 Arbor Valley Park, page 3 instead of “Neil”, what size do you want... should be “Mike”. M. Linak/N. Mitchell moved to approve with corrections, motion carried 4/0.
5. Financial Report:
 - a. No report
 - b. Unavailable; will review at next meeting
 - c. Review at next meeting
6. Okee Conservancy
 - a. Park Tree – two trees, need another month or so to determine needs
 - b. K&M Tree – a letter of March 5, 2021 would like to plant a tree in memory of Frank Raemisch; P. Ford/J. Brooks moved to approve; motion carried 4/0. Note: tree to be planted near Raemisch home.
 - c. \$3500 Grant from Escher family – discussion was had on how to best use these funds. N. Mitchell suggested picnic tables for Okee Beach Park and Conservancy. J. Brooks/M. Linak moved to allow N. Mitchell to move forward with items to be purchased from this \$3500 grant with discussions with family; motion carried 4/0.
 - d. Escher Family Donation – the family is requesting they can purchase a bench to be placed in the Conservancy Park as a memorial to Bill Escher; it was noted the bench should match the more recently placed benches in the park; motion carried 4/0.
7. Park Commission
 - a. Vacancy- no interest to date
8. Lewis Byrns Park
 - a. Baseball Diamond – Discussion was had; there is a lot of work that needs to be done on this ball field. See quotes for suggested/potential work. There are safety issues and J. Brooks will take to the Town Board with our recommendation to get this work done.
 - b. Camera System – vandalism in the shelter, stolen camera, police involved and report filed and charges to be filed. Fering will be out and give estimate on new system. Will speak with Harmony Grove Association on their possible help in this financial recovery.

9. Arbor Valley Park
 - a. Basketball Court – Discussion was had; quotes have been received anywhere from \$50,000 to \$92,000. At this time dollars are not available from the Park Commission for this project.
10. General Park Updates – Brian toured the parks, removed dead trees in Wildenberg, controlled burns with the Lodi Fire Department are expected for the Conservancy, Wildenberg and Town Hall.
11. Chairperson Report – Chad Wolter will be the new Town Board Park Commission member and chairperson. James received and reviewed a letter from Allison Seaton regarding concerns at Bay Drive Park, Laura Kruck asked if anything else is to be done on shoreline at Bay Drive Park? – James indicated what was intended to be done has been accomplished.
12. Questions from Commission Members – None
13. Next Meeting Date – May 12, 2021- 5:00 pm
14. Future Agenda Items – Escher Park Items, Budget, Wildenberg Tree Removals.
15. Adjournment – M. Linak/N. Mitchell moved to adjourn at 7:05 pm, motion carried 4/0.

Submitted by: Peg Ford, Secretary