

Town of Lodi

Park Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 5:00 pm – Town Office and Zoom

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order by Chair Chad Wolter at 5:00 pm.
2. Roll Call – Present: Peg Ford, Terri Joswiak, Mike Linak, Nancy Mitchell, Chad Wolter and Brian Ecklor, Public Works Director
3. Citizen Input – none
4. Secretary – Minutes of the May 12, 2021 and May 20, 2021 meetings were presented for review. M. Linak/N. Mitchell moved to approve the May 12, 2021 minutes as presented, motion carried 5/0. C. Wolter/T. Joswiak moved to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes as presented, motion carried 5/0.
5. Financial Report – a, b, c: All were reviewed.
6. Bay Drive Park – noted that it looks good. Brian noted there are probably 10-12 trees that will need to come down, will wait until fall for this work. Allison suggested native plants for the area.
7. Lewis Byrns Park –
 - a. Update – Brian indicated the ceiling tile replacement will be done next week. Fence material will be picked up as well as dirt and grass seed. Brian will be following up with the sign company for details on cost for advertising signs for the fence. It was suggested we do some type of “2-year special” for those purchasing signs.
 - b. Ball Diamon Rental for Tournament Requirements – after discussion, it was recommended that the Town charge enough to cover the cost of porta potties and garbage pick up. Angie Olson suggested contacting the Town of Dane to see how they handle this.
8. Lake Park –
 - a. Parking Lot Upgrades – After discussion N. Mitchell/P. Ford moved to take this back to the Town Board to negotiate with the County; motion carried 5/0.
 - b. Park Upgrades – it was decided we do not need to have a sandbox, Brian will bring in black dirt and seed; two trees have been taken down; additional garbage container is needed, Brian will take the one designated for Madeline Summers and take to Lake Park; Brian will continue to work with the County regarding runoff.
 - c. Artesian Well – there are three options: abandon, post as non-potable and have tested. After discussion N. Mitchell/M. Linak moved to have the well tested this year; motion carried 5/0. C. Wolter will handle this with Dennis Crow in Lodi.
9. Michaels Park –
 - a. Parking Pad – After discussion N. Mitchell/T. Joswiak moved to bring in up to 2 truck loads of gravel to spread out; motion carried 5/0.
 - b. Soccer Field – after discussion, it was decided to leave as is for now.
10. Wildenberg Prairie –
 - a. Parking Lot Upgrades – this will be discussed again at the time of budgeting
11. Arbor Valley –
 - a. Basketball Court – Community resident Angie Olson presented information regarding funding options: Town of Lodi Park Commission dollars and commitment for project, area residents, concession sales, Lodi Optimist Club. After discussion N. Mitchell/P. Ford moved to designate \$14,000 of the Arbor Valley dollars for this project and fundraising will be done by Angie Olson and neighbors over a two year time period for the remaining funds necessary; motion carried 5/0. No promise of future dollars from the Park Commission was made as we do not know what our budget will be going forward and there are many projects that will need funding. Work on the project is not to begin until all funds have been raised to complete the project. If the necessary funds are not raised in the two year period, the time could be extended or ended if the goal seems well out of reach. If project ends prior to reaching the goal, fundraising money would be returned to whoever donated, where possible, and balance of funds would

be designated to Parks Commission Arbor Valley Account and Reach Out Lodi. Park Commission dollars (\$14,000) would remain in the Arbor Valley account.

12. Conservancy Park –
 - a. Parking Lot Upgrades – Brian received a quote from Davis Construction for \$14,745; this will be discussed again at time of budgeting.
 - b. Park Updates – Brian indicated two trees have been taken down and two are being watched. There will be two new benches placed in the park. Brian indicated we may need to have some type of platform (bricks) for the benches to sit on as it is difficult to mow and clean around them. Sealing of benches needs to be done, Brian will do as time permits.
 - c. Dog Waste Stations – Brian noted there is a need for an additional dog waste station at the opposite end of the park. M. Linak/N. Mitchell moved to purchase and install this station, similar to what is currently there; motion carried 5/0.
13. Google Maps -Discussion was had regarding having our parks listed on Google Maps. T. Joswiak/N. Mitchell moved to approve; motion carried 5/0. T. Joswiak will prepare.
14. Sale of Park Lots – Brian noted there are three lots that could potentially be sold: Deer Run lots 51.08 and 51.10 and Red Cedar/Back Forty lot 434a. After discussion this was tabled to a future meeting.
15. Capstone Project – no action
16. General Park Updates – no action
17. Chairman Report – none
18. Other Questions from Commission Members – T. Joswiak asked about park signs; Brian noted these will be installed in the next few weeks. Terri will work on information signage for Wildenberg Prairie and bring to next meeting.
19. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 5:00 pm – Town Office
20. Future Agenda Items
21. Adjourn – P. Ford/T. Joswiak moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm; motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Ford, Secretary