

Town of Lodi

Park Commission Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, 5 pm

Meeting Location: Town of Lodi Hall, W10919 County Road V, Lodi

1. Call to Order: by Chad Wolter, chairperson at 5:17 pm.

a. **Roll Call:** Chad Wolter, Terri Jozwiak, Mike Linak and parks works director, Brian Ecklor

b. **Declaration of Quorum is Present:** Yes

2. Citizen Input: none

3. Secretary report: none

a. **Meeting Minutes for 6-9-21 Park Commission meeting minutes:** not presented

4. Financial Report:

a. **Budget Status:** not presented

b. **Review Park Account balances:** \$12,500 is the budget for 2021.

c. **Review Payment of Bills:** not presented

5. 2022 Budget Discussion: The following items were discussed not voted on:

There is money set aside in earlier budgets for park repair/improvements.

- \$14,000 is designated for Arbor Valley Park and is promised to go to the Arbor Valley Park basketball court should those funds be raised by Arbor Valley residents within 2-3 years.
- \$10,064 is designated for "Parks Fund." Discussion was made that it can go toward the safety/improvement/repair of Lewis Byrns Park.
- \$9,743 is designated for Wildenberg Park. Discussion was made for improved parking lot, improved signage and kiosks, maps.
- \$14,000 is designated for Webster Bluff Park. Discussion was made for "steps" up the hill, a platform and/or gazebo at the top of the hill.
- \$2,704 is designated for Okee Conservancy Park. Discussion was made for improvement of the path from the park along the trail that runs by the ponds.

Other projects discussed:

- Parking lot improvements needed to Okee Conservancy Park, Lake Park Beach, Wildenberg Park.
- Lewis Byrns Baseball diamond – safety, maintenance, and improvements.
- Tree removal, tree planting and stump removal - yearly expense
- Wood chips additions to Webster, Madeline, Kalscheur, Michael, Arbor Valley
- Playground equipment replacement & repair
- Dirt to fill holes in the holes in the park where trees have been taken out, etc
- Tool wish list: drip torch, chip rake

Motion Jozwiak/Wolter to request \$18,000 for Parks Operation budget without any money designated to a specific park. Plus, a Capital Budget for \$20,000 for Lewis Byrns ball diamond maintenance, repair and/or improvements.

ayes 3, nays none

6. General Updates:

a. **Wood Chips** - Added now or in spring? Tabled till financials are available.

b. **Lake Park Parking Pad** – no report yet

Ecklor: He spends 30-40 hours/week on mowing and weeding.

Bay Drive still needs 7-9 trees taken down and 5 trees put in

Lewis Byrns – temporary fix was made on the fence, permanency is needed, more dirt is needed

Conservancy – burn in fall 2021 or spring 2022, new dog waste container, dead tree removed.

Wildenberg – burn in fall 2021 or spring 2022, put informational signs in place yet, add new sign

Michael – gravel going in in the next 2 weeks

Lake Park Beach – needs new double garbage containers, picnic tables added & old ones repaired

7. Lewis Byrns Park

a. Ball Diamond Fence – The Ball Diamond fence needs a lot according to Ecklor. One of the posts of the fence is leaning more now. The temporary fix is only temporary. The fence needs to be realigned, the height on the 3rd base line of the fence needs to be higher to protect the houses. The 1st base dugout gets flooded sometimes.

Discussion was to get money from the board so we can match it with grants, get banners, get sponsors, make a 3–5-year plan for improvements, dugouts, fencing, diamond, electrical, scoreboard, etc.

8. Kelscheur

A. Swingset – someone mentioned a missing swing. Ecklor found a baby swing and put it in but it is too high, he needs to purchase chains/protected chains to make it feasible.

9. Chairman Report

Wolter said he was trying to get someone to donate a scoreboard to Lewis Byrns. No news on that yet

10. Other Questions from Commission Members

Jozwiak reported that park pictures were sent to Google Maps on Sept. 20, they are not live yet.

Jozwiak also said the same park pictures were given to Kristi to put on the town website.

11. Next Meeting Date: Oct. 13, Wednesday, 5 pm

12. Future Agenda Items:

Minutes approval of 6/9/21

Budget status for 2021

Wood Chip purchase

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Jozwiak/Wolter, 3 ayes, nays none

Submitted by Terri Jozwiak