

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION (PC) MEETING
Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 5:00 pm
Lodi Town Hall
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER. 5:05 pm

a. Roll call. Bill Pfeil, Terri Jozwiak, Tom Healy, Mike Linak and Tim Escher, Peg Ford. Excused: Nancy Mitchel

Others Present: Christy Smith, Kurt Kneis, Jina Decot, Janet Haakenson, Kristin Hunter & Laura Kruck

b. Declaration of quorum is present. **YES**

c. Proof of Posting Notice: A copy of the notice was posted as follows on April 12, 2024: posted at the Town of Lodi building and Town of Lodi website.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT. None

3. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

a. August 9, 2023

b. August 30, 2023 **MOTION: Jozwiak/Linak To approve Aug. 9, 2023 minutes and Aug. 30, 2023 minutes. Approved 6-0**

c. March 20, 2024 **MOTION: Ford/Jozwiak To approve March 20, 2024 minutes w/ changes. Approved 6-0**

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON KALSCHEUR PARK. CHRISTY SMITH PRESENTING.

- Christy Smith reported about Kalscheur Park, the picnic table not good condition & they need a new bench. Pfeil said those are ordered. Swings are fine. Wood chips will be added this year.
- Smith was looking to update park with a new playsystem? Play system \$30-38,000. There are open areas on each side of the park. Playsystem: couple of slides, climbing, crawling area. She suggested 10-12 play areas in the playsystem.
- Soccer net? Half Basketball court?
- We could apply for a grant to put in play set. LACE can help & work with applying for a grant. HG association can fund raise for it. Smith will help do some legwork. Grants could be applied to by Shellie Benish. Escher said look into Rotary to help fund.
- Smith said age to gear the equipment would be – 4-12 yr old.
- Pfeil a few things can be done quickly, add volleyball net & clear out the unsafe play equipment. Add new picnic table & bench. Mitchel has Smith's contact info.
- Pfeil asked about the wooded area in the park. Should we use that? Smith had no specific ideas.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DOG PARK.

Janet Haakensen, Kurt Kneise, Kristin Hunter – Dog parks are heavily used.

- Kneise said there is income from a dog park by having a dog permit & dog license.
- Benefits for the dogs: Socializes the dog to other dogs & people. Dog runs off energy, so better behaved.

- A dog park is not used at night so noise shouldn't matter.
- All you need is fencing, parking & poop bags.
- Hunter said there are lots of dogs and there is a need.
- Possible site by Town of Lodi office, possible site by transfer site/gun club
- Harrkensen said maybe it could be an Eagle scout project. Maybe LACE would help, Friends of Lodi Dog Park (FLDP) (City of Lodi group plan to build 2 acres by the cemetery) FLDP will run the Dog Park of Lodi & collect money for it.
- Escher: Fencing might be around \$15,000.
- Pfeil: Need insurance but usually that isn't much.
- How much space is needed? How much fencing?
- Pfeil: If it doesn't go in a park, it is not a parks issue but it TOL board issue if we look at TOL property by the Town Hall. The group will prepare a presentation for the TOL Board

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARK SURVEY.

Should we put in surveys in all other parks? **Yes.**

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAQUE FOR CONSERVANCY PARK (RAEMISCH FAMILY FUNDING).

For Raemisch: They plan to put a plaque next to the gazebo with park origins.

For Schommers: Put in a sculpture of 3 cranes in Park by the North end of the park.

No numbers yet. Does the PC like the ideas enough for Escher to proceed w/ these plans.

Yes.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PICKLEBALL (PB) COURT AT MICHEL'S PARK.

- 2 bids \$14,000 & \$15,000 for complete work.
- Pfeil suggested we do it ourselves for \$6,500 for blacktop & we do the prep work. The blacktop would be lengthen on one side of the existing tennis court and then we would prep it for 2 PB courts. Possibly 3 will fit there. We would do the stripping w/ PB kits. Could be done in May or June.
- Set up for 2 courts \$1700, stencil kit \$200.
- Ford will ask Lions Club to donate for this project for some equipment.

Motion: Escher/Ford We approve \$6500 for paving the surface of the court. The grant money will be used for equipment. Approved 6-0

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEWIS BYRNS BASEBALL PARK.

- There is an electrical problem with the score board & Nick Eberle will get it fixed for a cost.

Motion: Escher/Jozwiak Spend up to \$500 to fix the scoreboard & money to come out of banner fund. Approved 6-0

Carla Faust from Optimist gave \$500 to HG park

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BAY DR. PARK – OKEE.

- The park was never set up for putting in canoes/kayaks.
- Pfeil: Put up a sign that says NO LAKE ACCESS.

Motion: Linak/Healy Order a sign for Bay Drive Park NO LAKE ACCESS. Approved 6-0

- Dicot will order it.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARK INVENTORY LIST AND REPLACEMENT NEEDED.

We need 2 picnic tables for Michael, Kalscheur, 6 foot will do.

We need 3 benches for Michael (by Pickleball) Kalscheur, Wildenberg.

We need a new baby swing in Kalscheur.

Motion: Pfeil/Healy Purchase 2 tables & 3 benches & baby swing, money not to exceed \$7000.

Approved 6-0

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAVING AT:

Information only:

a. Okee Beach 3 estimates came in at \$24,000, \$29,000 & \$37,000

The property was resurveyed because it wasn't right. Town Engineer suggested the \$29,000 was good.

b. Conservancy – gravel is still on the schedule.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SAND FOR OKEE BEACH SAND BOX.

No action.

14. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CREATION OF BY-LAWS FOR PARKS COMMISSION.

These by-laws are for use by the PC only. After discussion & changes:

Motion: Echer/Ford To approve the by-laws for the Park Commission w/ changes. Approved 6-0

15. DISCUSSION/ACTION AND/OR UPDATES ON PARK SIGNAGE/BANNERS.

- Jozwiak presented an estimate for a new sign made by Rick Findora. The estimate was for \$5000 which included materials and labor, 1x6" tongue and groove white cedar with UV clear coat for protection, painted sign board 4x8' with exterior paint & hammered steel sculptured leaf & acorns with outdoor powdered coating. Installation not included.
- Jozwiak also presented information for 5 additional metal signs, 8x10" each to explain Oak Savanna, Sand Prairie, Slender Glass Lizard, Fire-dependent ecosystem, & park map. The estimate for the signs only was approx. \$150 with wood & plexiglass stand & installation not included.

Motion: Jozwiak/Escher To approve all new signage for Wildenberg Sand Prairie not exceed \$6000.

Approved 6-0

Wildenberg has been burned and is now looking green.

16. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARK COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Park funds.

The Board voted to levy \$10,000 in the park funds. Has it moved to the park?

Escher will work with finances to be sure it is right.

Pfeil reported that we got mulch but it has not been spread yet.

17. NEXT MEETING DATE. May 15, 2024 5 pm

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Okee beach parking lot update

Kalscher Park

Put up banners in April – Jozwiak will keep records of finances of the banners.

Netting for baseball fencing

Always say: Discussion/Action

Update on pickleball

19. ADJOURN.

Motion. Pfeil/Ford to adjourn. At 8:28 pm. Approved 6-0

Submitted by Terri Jozwiak