Town of Lodi

Park Commission Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2020; 6:30 pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order – James Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

   Others Present: Roger Henn, Public Works Director; Citizens: Laura Kruck, Terri Jozwiak, Christine Goodwin, Jared

3. Citizen Input – Peg Ford noted she received a call from Allison Seaton who noted that because of the “no burn” rule, the Conservancy and Town Hall prairies could not be burned and will need to be mowed.

4. Roger Henn Update –
   - Lewis Byrnes- roof work is complete; final bill $6,105; Roger reported some recent graffiti on shelter, he will clean up
   - Michael Park- electrical not completed to date
   - Lake Beach- showed pics of parking area; Grothman will be surveying in next two weeks
   - Webster Bluff- trimming done; removed 6 loads of brush
   - Kalscheur Park- trimming continuing to be done
   - Wildenberg- ok and will not burn
   - Linda Circle- trees trimmed
   - Arbor Valley- good

5. Secretary Report – N. Mitchell/M. Linak moved to approve minutes of the April 8, 2020 meeting as presented; motion carried 5/0

6. Financial Report – need to review at May meeting; Neil Heskin will contact Jay regarding this information.

7. Memorial – Lynn George spoke regarding a George family memorial in the Conservancy Park. After discussion, they decided to plant a tree and will work with Pleasant Valley Nursery to complete this in the fall. J. Brooks/N. Mitchell moved to approve; motion carried 5/0.

8. Park Signs – (a) discussion was had to determine correct naming for the parks/prairie:
   - Okee Conservancy Park, Okee Beach Park, Linda Circle Park, Arbor Valley Park, Bay Drive Park, Michael Park, Lewis Byrnes Park, Kalscheur Park, Webster Bluff Park, Wildenberg Sand Prairie, Madeline Summers Park (Roger will verify correct spelling for Lewis Byrnes). N. Mitchell/P. Ford moved to approve; motion carried 5/0. (b) Park Rules will be discussed at upcoming Town Board meeting April 28.

9. Rental of Brush Hog - $200/day or $700/week rental cost from Midstate; new one costs approximately $2700. This will be discussed at next meeting and with Town Board to determine how often this would be used and is it best to rent or buy.

10. Review of Town of Lodi Park Conditions and Possible Action Due to Conditions –
    - Conservancy – possible sealcoat in 2020 or 2021
    - Okee Beach – survey to be done; wait to hear and work with possible road work schedule
    - Linda Circle – ok
    - Arbor Valley – tree trim in right corner
    - Bay Drive – 4’ “widow maker” was removed (free from K&M); Peg will send thank you.
    - Michael – the old pieces of park equipment will be painted by the Lake WI Lions; weather permitting; leave soccer frames in for now
    - Lewis Byrnes – roof work is completed; tree trimming needs; ball diamond fence needs work
• Kalscheur – trimming has started and looking better
• Madeline Summers – ok
• Webster Bluff- trimmed all but oaks (Nancy noted it looks really good)

11. Bay Drive Park –
   a. James reviewed power point items
   b. Listening Session – citizen input from Laura Kruck, Terri Jozwiak, Jared, Christine Goodwin, Kathy Heskin and Neil Heskin (as citizen, not Commission member). Information shared included: do not want parking pad, keep it natural, concern about shoreline erosion, need rip rap, concern about parties and drinking.
   c. Action From Listening Session:
      • N. Mitchell/P. Ford moved to order field stone for the shoreline; motion carried 5/0.
      • N. Mitchell/J. Brooks moved to install a gravel area on edge of road, parallel to road to allow parking for two vehicles. Voice vote was taken: J. Brooks-yes; N. Heskin-no; P. Ford-yes; N. Mitchell-yes; M. Linak-yes; motion carried 4/1.
      • N. Mitchell/M. Linak moved to approve the rental of an excavator to use for leveling park area if the tractor does not work as planned; motion carried 4/1 (N. Heskin voting no).
      • Roger Henn will make a call to the DNR about further rip rap work on shoreline.
      • Discussion regarding gravel schedule was tabled to a future meeting.

12. Chairman Report – no other information presented
13. Other Questions from Commission Members – none
14. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, May 13, 2020; 6:30 pm – Zoom
15. Future Agenda Items – Bay Drive Update, Budget Review, gravel work
16. Adjourn – N. Mitchell/M. Linak moved to adjourn at 9:51 pm; motion carried 5/0.

Peg Ford, Secretary