

City of Lodi Parks Commission
Minutes of December 18, 2018

Members Present: A. Van Ness, M. Bilkey, C. Heal, C. Hossman, A. Seaton, L. Kelsey Kloberdanz, B. Welch, S. Miller
Others Present: Paul Skidmore, Mike Miller, Julie Ostrander
Members absent: T. Goeres, Jim Ness

1. Call to Order, 6:35 by Chair Van Ness
2. Public Input – none
3. Approve Minutes of 11/27. Motion (Bilkey/Welch) to approve the 11/27/18 minutes. Motion carried.
4. Agenda rearranged without objection.
5. Motion (Van Ness/Welch) to approve change to A-528 An Ordinance to Amend CH.284 Snowmobiles, regarding snowmobiles in Goeres Park, to Common Council. Motion carried.
6. Paul Skidmore discussed his meeting with Corridor Plan Committee and how it fits in with the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) which included the following:
Corridor planning and coordination with multi-purpose trails (ice age trail, bike trails and walking trails) running the length of Spring Creek. These included ADA sections and bridge options for Spring Creek Park.
Ostrander mentioned movement in corridor planning toward ADA accessible renovations in Spring Creek Park and Corridor Plan (SCP). Skidmore mentioned the north south “spine” of the parks system, plus branching off trails to neighborhoods and parks.
A discussion was held and a consensus agreed amongst Parks Commission members regarding a need for improved connectivity of various neighborhoods to parks and trails; seeing a larger picture/vision for recreation in Lodi. Both Bilkey and Van Ness discussed connectivity to Goeres Park from the Reach Out Lodi building and the apartments with the possibility of a trail from that area across/around the fair grounds to Fair Street and then to the bridge in Goeres Park.
Welch discussed Kohn Park and ideas for a possible boardwalk. He also discussed seeding the prairie area in 2019.
The undeveloped Pit Park came up and Mike Miller (citizen) commented on an option for a trail from that park towards a multi-purpose trail (to be developed) connecting schools in the west side of Lodi.
The Ice Age Trail (IAT) current route and possible re-routes were discussed. Was it possible to thread the IAT into the corridor plan. This would be determined in the future and through discussions with the IAT Alliance and Corridor Plan Committee.
Skidmore stated that he will begin to create his new document with current parks and trails as well as his proposed trails and recommended pathways to better connect parks and neighborhoods. He went on to say that his assessment for the ratio of parkland use of 17 acres would be 11 usable or “active” with the rest being passive. He went on to say that the city should set a high standard as to what would be accepted as parkland and emphasized that the city should not accept inactive lands.
S. Miller expressed the need to explore improvements along Highways 113 and 60 including lighting. She also would like to see better security and safety addressed. Skidmore said he would include his recommendations in the forthcoming plan.
Heal inquired as to maintenance needs with multi-purpose trails. These needs will be discussed at a future meeting. He then spoke about his tour of the parks with some members of the Park Commission.
Discussion then centered on the date for the next meeting. He can meet with us on Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m

Motion (Bilkey/Kelsey Kloberdanz) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. These minutes have not been approved and are subject to change or correction.

Letha Kelsey-Kloberdanz
Secretary, Lodi Parks Commission