

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of August 2, 2023**

1. Call to Order

Chair Ripp called meeting to order at 5:06 PM

Committee Members Present: Geoffrey Vorlander, Mikel Bilkey, Tim Ripp, Eric Hansen, Mike Goethel, Luke Klobberdanz (arrived at 5:40 PM during item 10)

Absent: Kelsey Brady

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, James Lincoln, Jennifer Sweeney

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None

4. Approve of Minutes from July 5, 2023

MOTION (Goethel, Hansen) to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023. Vote: Aye (Goethel, Vorlander, Bilkey, Ripp, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Parks Financials.

No questions about parks financials.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Potential Dog Park

Ripp has design revisions complete, but he did not have a chance to send out the updates. Ripp noted that not every dog park uses chain link fence. However, most of these dog parks are not located inside cities. Vorlander noted that the fencing should not violate the city's fencing requirements. Lincoln stated the estimate to pave the parking lot with asphalt is \$75,000, and this estimate does not include storm water management or water access. Bilkey stated that the costs for the dog park seems to be increasing. Goethel stated that the dog park could be a phased approach. Both committee members agreed that they thought the costs for the dog park would be around \$100,000. Ripp stated that he felt the city's intent was to pay the lease for the land and not necessarily the additional costs. Lincoln noted that the city does not let anyone else put in a gravel parking lot if that were excluded from the installation. Goethel shared concerns that this dog park could turn into the pool. If the friends of the dog park are not able to uphold their end, then the city may need to dissolve the dog park so it does not turn into another large cost like the pool.

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Temporary/Portable Ice Rink

Lincoln provided an estimate for a temporary/portable ice rink located within the south half of the tennis courts. The price would be \$9,060 for the boards and the tarp/lining using the existing warming house. Lincoln thinks that the fire department would have to initially fill it and then the city could maintain it. The tennis area is slightly bigger than the basketball court area. The tarps have to be replaced every couple of years, but the fencing is expandable. Replacement for the tarp would only cost about \$1,000 every few years, which the city is already spending in labor for the current ice rink that is not used.

Motion (Goethel, Hansen) to recommend the temporary/portable ice rink purchase to Economic Development, Finance, and Human Resources Committee. Vote: Aye- Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Bilkey, Vorlander; Nay - 0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Soccer Nets at Sunset Park

Lincoln was approached by the youth soccer club to place nets at Sunset Park. They do not want to hold games. They want to put in nets so kids in the area can use them. The net installed several years ago by the city have been destroyed. Ayers recommended following the donation policy. Then, the nets would become the city's property, and the city is under no obligation to replace or repair them.

Motion (Hansen, Vorlander) to recommend to Common Council accepting the donation of soccer nets at Sunset Park. Vote: Aye- Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Bilkey, Vorlander; Nay - 0. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Doctors Park

Ripp had no updates.

10. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding 2023-2024 Goals

Ayers noted that the intention of this item is track committee item commitments. Ayers provided updates for the goals. She also noted that the committee will need to consider repaving the tennis/pickleball courts next year.

11. Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent Report

Lincoln reviewed storm damage in the parks. The playground equipment in Goeres Park might be installed in November, but that is weather dependent. Lincoln reviewed dredging the creek. The old permit expired in August of 2022. The permit can be active for up to five years. However, it has to be extended each year.

12. Meeting Recap

The Committee reviewed discussions and motions at tonight's meeting.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Making the creek navigable.
- Kohn Park public access

14. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

15. Adjourn MOTION (Bilkey, Goethel) to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Voice Vote: all Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst