

**City of Lodi Parks Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 3, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Ripp called meeting to order at 5:15 PM

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Geoffrey Vorlander, Mikel Bilkey, Tim Ripp, Mike Goethel

Excused: Kelsey Greenwood, Luke Kloberdanz

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Terry Weter, Jennifer Sweeney

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None.

4. Approve Minutes from April 6, 2022

MOTION (Bilkey, Goethel) to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting. Vote: Aye (Stevenson, Vorlander, Bilkey, Ripp, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Parks Financials. No discussion.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding LACE Application for Permanent Pickleball Courts

Bilkey shared concerns about recommending applications for different grants for the same project. Ayers clarified that the application should be in the name of the city since it's city property. Weter shared concerns that a group not affiliated with the city is charging to use city property. Ayers suggested further discussion since the Common Council never formally agreed to change the tennis courts to pickleball courts. City staff will discuss the application with Bill Welch. At a future meeting, the committee will discuss authorizing the permanent change of the tennis courts to pickleball courts and review the relationship with the pickleball group.

MOTION (Stevenson, Bilkey) to recommend to Common Council a LACE application for permanent pickleball courts. Aye (0); Nay (Stevenson, Vorlander, Bilkey, Ripp, Goethel). **Motion denied.**

MOTION (Bilkey, Goethel) to authorize the city staff to work with Bill Welch to re-write the grant application. Aye (Bilkey, Vorlander, Ripp, Goethel, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Habermann Park Shelter Improvements

The city is conducting a survey due to encroachment concerns along the border of Habermann Park. The survey will also allow city staff to apply for grants. Flood information will be recorded with the survey too. Bilkey requested that a discussion item for Habermann Park shelter be back on the agenda after the park is surveyed.

8. Director of Operations Report

The new pedestrian bridge is staked out in Spring Creek Park. The area where the kiosk will be installed is also staked out in Doctor's Park. City staff and the Mayor participated in Arbor Day celebrations in conjunction with the Lodi School District. The city received about \$4,800 from a grant to purchase more trees. Roughly 70 trees will be handed out for free to city property owners through a grant from the DNR during the Lift Lodi event. There is a duck nesting in Spring Creek Park. A water line froze at the pool so that is being repaired. The city also received a grant for \$400,000 for Fair St, which includes reconstructing the walls in Goeres Park. One Mother of a Run is coming up this Saturday, and there is a parade planned for Memorial Day.

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Survey and Public Input in Relations to Future Projects

Groves Lloyd suggested getting broad community input regarding Goeres Park and Habermann Park. Bilkey suggested getting information on all of the parks. Groves Lloyd asked if any other committee members wanted to work with her to bring information back to the committee in June. Stevenson asked if there was a cost. Groves Lloyd let the committee know it's free. Bilkey and Ripp are interested in assisting.

10. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and Agenda Items

11. Adjourn

MOTION (Bilkey, Goethel) to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst