

Westside Community Park
~ October 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes ~
(There was no meeting in September)

Board Members Present: Dennis Rollins, Carol Thorn, Jaxan Christensen, Carol Maxwell, Paul Malley, Richard Neils (via Zoom) and Harold Taylor.

Board Members Absent: Bob Rumfelt

Guest: No guests

1. Call to Order - Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. The meeting was held in the Conference Room at Lakeport City Hall and available on ZOOM. A quorum was present.

2. Minutes - The August minutes were submitted for approval. There were no changes or corrections. Carol T moved and Paul seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer Report - Carol T presented the Treasurer Report, attached. Carol had received a check for a donation to the Futsal Park, written to the Futsal Park that cannot be deposited into our bank account. Carol will contact the donor to see if they can re-issue the check in the name of Westside Community Park. Harold moved and Carol M seconded the motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion passed.

4. Maintenance - Dennis reported that mowing and trash removal is being done. Some of the watering sensors on the lawn were replaced. The Jolin bulletin board is missing the protective plastic face plate. The items inside have been removed for safety and Richard will look into any repair or replacement needed.

5. Old Business:

A. Horse Park - Carol M has been working diligently on preparation for the Prop 68 grant application. She has just completed the second and final public survey. It contains the three plans created through public workshops for members of the public to vote on. The surveys have been posted on all relevant Facebook groups and websites with a request to share the survey with others. The three plans will also be posted at City Hall with instructions on how to vote for your preference. Carol has also prepared a poster about the survey that she will post at vet clinics, feed stores and other businesses, as she did with the first survey. We received 262 responses to the first survey. There was discussion about parking and what effect there would be to combining horse and bicycle access to the park. The deadline for the grant application is November 5th. The Authorizing Resolution required to submit the application was discussed.

B. - Lakeport Lions Playground -

The grading for the playground and the Futsal Pitch has been done as well a water lines put in place. Florentino is working on the concrete perimeter and erosion control. The playground equipment should be delivered the end of October and installation is scheduled for early November. Finances for completion were discussed and the possibility of doing some landscaping and planting some trees in the area. Ron Ladd has found a grant that is specifically for planting trees. Funds held in the Money Market Fund will be used for the grading done in the area as it benefits the Futsal pitch and playground as they are both situated in the same footprint. The maturity date of the fund was discussed and if there would be any penalties for early withdrawal.

C. Futsal Pitch & Playground Naming - Dennis said, according to Mark, a film crew may consider filming a documentary about his sister, Marla, which may help with fundraising for the Futsal pitch.

D. Charlie Jolin Plaque - Dennis reported that the plaque has been ordered with no delivery date at this time. Mounting the plaque was discussed and a suggestion for a rock formation. There were suggestions on the size and shape of a rock formation wall. Paul suggested the wall have a seating option. Dennis asked if different options could be drawn out to better visualize and discuss.

E. Grillin on the Green - Dennis gave the final report for this year's Grillin event, attached. Although a smaller event, it was very successful.

6. New Business -

A. The Authorizing Resolution Approving the Application for Proposition 68 Grant was discussed, voted on and approved. There were 7 yes, 0 noes and 1 person absent. Dennis will prepare the document and Jaxan will sign it, as Secretary.

7. Other Items of Interest

- Naming of the Playground & Futsal Pitch - Dennis presented the proposal to name the playground 'The Lakeport Lions Playground' and the Futsal pitch 'The Marla Ruczicka Futsal Pitch' to the City Council. They will make the decision.
- Dennis reported that wild pigs have damaged a significant portion of the soccer fields. Initial efforts to chase them from the area have not been successful. The City has applied for a depredation permit to eliminate them. Repairs to the fencing will be addressed later.
- Report to the City Council - Dennis made his report to the City Council on the ongoing development of the park, the horse park and fund raising efforts. The City has Covid relief money that has been allocated to them. Dennis will make a formal written request for a portion of those funds to be directed to the park as the park was impacted by the pandemic for lack of usage and lost lease income for soccer and baseball fields.

- Election of Board & Officers - All members present indicated their intent to continue in their present positions.

8. Around the Table

Dennis reported that Rudy, our caretaker, has been doing a great job maintaining the grounds and other repairs at the park. However, his monthly rent is not being received regularly. He offered an alternative for the payment of rent. There was discussion on the caretaker rental agreement, and what our position is in regarding rent vs maintenance work. Dennis will talk further with our accountant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24

Next meeting will be on November 3, 2021