

CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2019 –5:30 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue
Lexington, MN 55014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present Chairperson Hylton, Commissioners Fields, Koch and Murphy. Absent Commissioner Ginter and Council Liaison Hughes. Also present - Finance Director Galiov.
Call to order 5:30 pm

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No one wished to address the Board.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Koch, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, made motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Presentation by Norhart Homes – Lexington Lofts

Representatives from Norhart Homes presented to the Board the Lexington Lofts project and in particular the proposal for relocating Tot Park as part of the project. Mike Kaeding - President of Norhart Homes, Tyler Stadler – Project Manager, and Marie Dickover – Construction Manager, responded to questions and concerns from the Board. Chairperson Hylton asked about the purpose of the presentation. Mr. Kaeding explained that they would like to present the proposal to the Board and get the Board's recommendation for relocating Tot Park as part of the project. Mr. Kaeding also responded to concerns about parking and access to the Park, noting that the Park will remain a City Park, available to all residents; dedicated parking would not be feasible due to staff concerns regarding snow-plowing. Mr. Stadler and Ms. Dickover responded to Chairperson Hylton's concern regarding fencing. Discussion ensued. Mr. Stadler and Ms. Dickover noted that the presented is a general design and they are open to suggestions.

Commissioner Koch asked about lighting and security. Mr. Stadler responded that there would be sufficient lighting, but since it would be a City Park monitoring would be City responsibility for a dedicated camera, although the building cameras would provide some coverage.

Commissioner Fields asked if any City funds would be required for the relocation. Ms. Dickover responded that the developer will cover all expenses for the relocation and rebuilding the Park. Ms. Dickover asked if the Board will take any action on the matter. Finance Director Galiov explained that it was a separate item on the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Field, made a motion to approve the Park Board Minutes of August 5th, 2019, with correction noted by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve Tot Park Relocation.

Chairperson Hylton asked if anyone would like to discuss further. Commissioner Fields expressed there is hardly any need of further discussion, considering the advantages and the benefits to the City presented earlier. Chairperson Hylton expressed her disagreement with the Lexington Lofts project. Mr. Kaeding asked about her concerns; Chairperson Hylton said that she doesn't believe a building like that is necessary in light of all the other residential construction in the City. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Murphy made motion to approve a recommendation to City Council to relocate Tot Park as part of the Lexington Lofts proposal. Commissioner Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. REOPEN CITIZENS FORUM:

Mr. Pat Mahr of Centennial Lakes Little League (CLLL) addressed the Board. Mr. Mahr wished to update the Board on the CLLL activities at the Memorial Park. Mr. Mahr informed the Board about work done on Field 3 and the expenses incurred for materials. Mr. Mahr also presented the Board ideas for improvement of the Concession stand for the needs of CLLL, as well as financial estimates: one for over \$400,000 and one for around \$37,000. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Murphy and Commissioner Fields inquired about the costs and the bidding process in this case. Finance Director Galiov pointed out that this is just a discussion and any bidding and funding would require Council approval and compliance with the bidding requirements. It would also require respective budgeting, as was done with the current Park projects and would follow staff and engineering feasibility recommendations. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Galiov also pointed out that most of the work Mr. Mahr presented earlier to the Board was actually done by City staff and due credit should be given; most of the cost was also borne by the City for the rental of expensive equipment for the grading and improvements to the fields.

Mr. Mahr thanked the Board for considering his ideas.

8. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. August 1, 2019

B. August 15, 2019

9. PARK BOARD INPUT

10. Chairperson Hylton asked what would be the next step regarding Mr. Mahr's ideas.

Commissioner Murphy pointed out that the Board had already made a recommendation for next year's funding for asphaltting the road and repairs to the building. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Galiov, supported by Commissioner Field, pointed out that the focus of the improvements should be the Park to benefit all Lexington residents, not just the ballfields for the benefit of CLLL. Finance Director Galiov informed the Board that the suggestions would be presented for discussion at the upcoming workshops.

Commissioner Koch presented for discussion the upcoming Memorial Park Sign dedication. Commissioner Fields agreed to speak on behalf of the City at the dedication.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Commissioner Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6.42 pm.