

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION REGULAR CALL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2023 – 4:15 P.M.
OWENS MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER
LAWTON STANLEY HAYWOOD ROOM

Christine James, Parks and Recreation Director

Also Present:

Mitchell Dooley, P & R Deputy Director
James Bonnarens, Lake Supervisor
Misty Roberts, Lakes Admin II

Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mark Scott
Donald Smith
Austin Rabon
Kade McClure

Absent: Dustin Hilliary
Tim Hushbeck

REPORTS: PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: None
COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Moved to the end of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider approving the minutes from the January 18th, 2023 Regular Meeting

Rabon makes a motion to accept the minutes from January 18th, 2023, regular meeting, Smith seconds the motion. AYE: Scott, Smith, Rabon McClure. NAY: NONE

B. Consider approving Chair and Co-Chair positions on the committee.

Mark Scott volunteers to be Chair and Austin Rabon volunteers to be CO-Chair. McClure makes a motion to accept Chair and Co-chair positions, Smith seconds the motion. AYE: Scott, Smith, Rabon, McClure. NAY: NONE

C. Consider receiving an update on the status of the Lakes Master Plan.

Christine James – Director of Parks and Recreation states that there isn't much of an update due to the plans still being in the works but wanted to go over some dates and types of meetings. October 17th was the first public input meeting. November 30th a Lakes and Land Commission meeting and took some public input from that meeting as well. January 6th, we had a Lakes Steering Committee Meeting, January 12th a Lakes Focus Group Meeting and today another Lakes and Land Commission meeting getting more public input. Upcoming meetings: February 7th, Lakes Steering Committee meeting. February 16th the second Public

Input Meeting, 5:30 at City Hall. Lakes Steering Committee Meeting to start wrapping things up and have a goal to be done by March.

Mark Scott asked where are the meeting published?

James responded that they posted on the City of Lawton Website- Calendar of Events and on the City of Lawton Facebook Page.

Scott asked how the participation had been on the prior meetings.

Mitchell Dooley, the Parks and Recreation Deputy Director responded that the steering committee meeting was very well attended, the user focus group meeting not many showed up. The public input meeting was very well attended and encourages people to attend.

Don Smith asked what happens at the Steering Committee Meeting?

Dooley responded that at that at the first steering meeting the consultants went over their analysis of the lakes as they stand now and a little bit of information regarding the economical potential. They also went over input that they received at the first input meeting, and potential direction they could go in the Master Plan.

Austin Rabon asked if this was the out-of-town group that was coming in and doing the analysis?

Dooley responded that it was.

No action taken.

D. Consider receiving an update on the status of the Colliers Landing Boat Dock.

Jim Bonnarens, Lake Supervisor states that city council had approved using CIP 2015 funds for the boat dock project and upon further investigation that money was not available. So now the city is looking into other avenues to possibly have the funding source for it or table it, notify the State and let them know we don't have the operating budgeted and try to budget this in for the next fiscal year. Bonnarens states that right now would not be a good time to start the project now due to it being him and just three other guys that do all the work and mowing season will start in March. These kinds of projects need to be done when it is off season.

Mark Scott asked if there was a misunderstanding of the CIP funds?

Mitch Dooley responded that his understanding was that the 2015 CIP funds would roll over into the 2019 CIP funds and when that change over happened the 2015 funds were not encumbered into 2019.

Scott asked do re reapply for that funding.

Bonnarens states that the funding will be through the budget process which has already started this month.

James states that the grant is a reimbursement. That the city would have to up front all the funds then the State would reimburse a portion of that. So, the problem now is finding that up front money.

Scott asked how much the upfront money was.

James stated \$75000.00.

No action taken.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Pauline Garrett, Beverly Hitt, Brandon Baggett, Charles Hall, Yvonne Hall, Jenna Woessner, Mike Woessner, Susan Stoll, Amanda Hollars

Mark Scott states that items today that are being discussed in audience participation, no action will be taken due to not being on the agenda. Mark encourages residents to reach out to committee members if they want to see things on the agenda, but it would have to go through the protocols of procedure.

Susan Stoll had questions in regards of the agreement on a section regarding the tenant shall not use treatments on the area around them without approval of the City. Stoll states that they have been over in the area for 17 years and they have planted trees, cut their own grass, and keep it nice. Question is are we not allowed to do this anymore.

James states that fertilizer, pesticides have never been allowed within the high-water line of the lake. The lake is a drinking source. That is a DEQ state requirement. This is not a new rule, it was one that was not

enforced. Stoll asked if we are 660 feet away then it would be okay. James stated 660 away from the high-water line. Dooley states to get in touch with the Lake Headquarters to get their approval to see if the fertilizer can be used within the 660. Bonnarens states that this is not a city rule this is a State Law. Stoll asked regarding what utilities were going to be paid stating that they have always paid electric but never water. Bonnarens states that the water add in was a misprint that water will still be paid by the city. Stoll states that she is worried that even though staff is stating that water will be paid by the city that 6 months down the line the city comes back and says that the campers will have to pay it. James states that Stoll can contact the City Attorney's office regarding the contract.

Stoll questions the part of the contract that states tenants not being able to sell or transfer their property. Stoll states that in the past if she wanted to sell or give her spaces away, she could do that and just go to Kent and sign over. Her son has his boat in a slip, and she wants to have it transferred into his name and staff told them they would not transfer. Why would they not? How come boathouse people can sell or transfer but the campers can't? Bonnarens states that this came straight from the City Manager's office. Stoll asked is there going to be a waiting list? Bonnarens states this is a question that staff has already asked, and staff is waiting to hear back on this answer. Mark Scott states that if Ms. Stoll is not getting the answers or think that any of the policies are unfair to contact members of the City Council.

Brandon Baggett asked if someone gives up their spot and I have been there for several years are you going to just let someone take over that spot or offer it to people who already have a spot first and give that option. Bonnarens states that as of right now there is no process. Baggett states that the contract is very vague. Baggett asked about a check list that it was going to be given to the tenants and they still have not received it. Bonnarens states that the only check list he received from Mr. Waller was a list of rules that was taken to legal and to adopt those rules. Again, staff has not been told yes or no or given any direction.

Baggett is just asking for clarification.

Charles Hall asked if all the questions answered goes back to legal, how come legal is not part of this board? James states that they are aware of the meetings.

There were no other reports, correspondence, or discussion and the meeting adjourned by unanimous decision of the Commission at 5:10

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE
LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN, MARK SCOTT