

City of Lakeside Park

Amended Minutes of Regular Meeting on 2/10/2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Markgraf called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of Lakeside Park City Council at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 10, 2025, in the Lakeside Park City Building located at 9 Buttermilk Pike. Those in attendance were Mayor Markgraf, City Clerk Teresa Bruck and City Attorney Greg Voss. The council members present were Dennis Landwehr, Cassi Schabell, Mary Ann Thaman, and Brian Waite. Council members that were not in attendance included Tom Bernheimer and Dave Wolfer.

AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda; Mr. Waite made the **motion** to adopt the agenda, and Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. Voice vote was taken. **4 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Schabell requested multiple corrections to the January 13, 2025 minutes. The mayor asked if there was a second to Ms. Schabell's **motion** to amend January 13, 2025, minutes. The mayor advised there was no second motion made; the minutes will remain as they are and requested if there is any additional discussion. With no additional discussion the mayor asked for a voice vote.

Mr. Waite said Aye, and Mr. Landwehr Aye, but then requested clarification. The mayor advised the motion to amend the minutes died for lack of a second and he asked for a vote to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025, as submitted.

Ms. Thaman advised she did not know how to remember all the changes Ms. Schabell submitted.

Ms. Schabell inquired about what the process is to call the procedure back. The mayor advised Ms. Schabell she was out of order to do that. She then appealed the decision of the chair. The mayor said he already asked if there was any other debate in the amendment and there was not. They were now in the process of voting to approve the minutes or not as submitted.

Mr. Thaman stated she was in favor to adopt, and Ms. Schabell did not.

The mayor advised the January 13, 2025, minutes have been approved by vote of **3 Ayes, 1 Nay; motion** carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The mayor said he realizes the special meeting minutes for January 30, 2025, just came out and asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes.

Ms. Schabell advised she had a correction to January 30, 2025, minutes. The mayor advised we need a motion to adopt and a second before discussion to amend.

Ms. Thaman made the **motion** to adopt January 30, 2025, minutes, and Mr. Landwehr seconded the **motion**. The mayor then advised Ms. Schabell that she could now request her amendment.

Ms. Schabell said that there was an incorrect dishonest manipulation of her statements and offered the recording of the meeting. The mayor advised that it was not proper to play the recording and advised that the purpose of the minutes is to show only the formal actions taken and the votes by council members. It is not to record what members say. She then asked why there are five pages of discussion and not the formal actions of the body. The mayor advised there was no formal action taken, and they can dispense with all minutes from that meeting if Ms. Schabell would like.

Ms. Schabell advised she was contacted by Mr. Hellings on Arcadia about white bands on his trees. The mayor advised that a certified arborist looked at the different trees that are impacting the sidewalks and will be providing the city with a report of their findings.

Ms. Schabell mentioned that at the special sidewalk meeting there was a discussion about payment plans and extensions for residents to make payments, and she suggested a policy be drafted to address this.

Ms. Schabell brought up the issue of sidewalks along State roads. The mayor advised that this was an issue for the Transportation Cabinet. She also inquired about a recent repair done by the public works director on Dixie Hwy. The mayor advised there were two repairs on Dixie Highway that he approved the public works director to handle to avoid severe trip hazards.

Ms. Schabell requested the council to consider a new budget line-item for sidewalk repairs, and a special meeting with the city attorney to discuss. She was advised to provide an ordinance to the mayor for him to review, but there would not be a special meeting.

Ms. Thaman added that the residents who had Duke flags will be getting letters soon about the work.

POLICE AUTHORITY:

Mr. Waite advised the police board met January 27th and the reports were provided in the council packets. He mentioned that 170 calls were for Lakeside Park; the police clerk, Melissa Sies retired in December; the new police clerk is Heather Marcus; Patrolman Steward resigned for a position at Thomas More; New patrolman Boyers began field training; the department received a grant for rifles.

PDS:

Mr. Waite said PDS did not meet last month, but reports were in the council packet.

FINANCE:

Mr. Waite stated he reviewed the financials for the month, and they appear in order. The city had a financial loss for the month due to the end of property tax collection as well as the quarterly payments for fire and police came out in January. He advised there are 5 tax bills outstanding, and Mrs. Bruck has sent second delinquent notices.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEAGUE OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY (MGLNK):

Mr. Landwehr said there was no meeting this month and he has not been advised of when the next meeting is scheduled.

RECREATION:

Ms. Thaman advised snow tubing was well attended. The next Bingo is at Fort Mitchell on March 11th from 2 to 3:30 PM. They cancelled the tickets for the Seussical Play because they were too expensive.

Ms. Schabell said that it is a lie that she wants to get rid of the recreation director and the recreation department, but she has suggestions for the recreation committee. She said she asked at the January meeting for the list of recreation participants and the list of volunteers to assess moving forward with events. Ms. Schabell said she and Ms. Thaman feel like a volunteer coordinator may be an option. She would also like to propose an ordinance that would allow residents to reserve the city building for public use under certain guidelines, so that it is accessible to everyone in the city. She said, as a council member, she is a legislator and not a volunteer event planner, but she would assist with the people that do want recreation by making sure they have somebody to help them with it. Ms. Schabell stated that the library offers events using our tax dollars and they should be utilized instead of city events. She advised that we still have an open position of recreation director that is currently budgeted. Ms. Schabell then commented on the Light Up Lakeside event, but it is her understanding that Barleycorns took over that event and they staff it, and we no longer organize it.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Mr. Waite said the word, "Nefarious" was used earlier, and in the past two months there has been an adversarial tone that has entered these meetings. It's okay to have questions, disagreements and debates during the meetings because that's democracy. But he does take issue with the insinuation with nefarious or sinister happenings by the administration or council. He said he spoke for himself, but that he is here out of love for the city and to do his best for the residents and to serve the city with no personal agenda, and he presumes the same for everybody else. But the tone that there are bad intentions or nefarious happenings that is growing tiresome.

Ms. Schabell commented that she agreed. She said when her statements are manipulated into untruth lies, she is going to make sure those are pointed out. She advised she received an email from a resident prior to the meeting pointing out what Mr. Waite had just pointed out.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:38 PM Mr. Landwehr made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Schabell seconded the motion. Voice vote taken – **4 Ayes, 0 Nays; motion** carried.


Paul Markgraf, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa L. Bruck, City Clerk

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: _____