

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 1987

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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SET TO RECEIVE
PUBLIC INPUT
REGARDING
MOTORIZED BOATING
ON LODI LAKE

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Council was apprised that the Parks and Recreation Commission took under advisement the recommendations of the Lodi Lake Park Master Plan of 1975 and the current plan under development by Mr. Richard Bigler wherein both have recommended the elimination of motorized/power boating on Lodi Lake due to the size of the Lake, its liability during use, and its disruptive uses by motorized/power boats which restrict the use by any others wishing to put sailboats, canoes, or any other non-motorized crafts in the water. Additionally, it has been stated that use by motorized crafts have torn down and eroded the banks and required extensive repairs to same, i.e. cement retaining walls have been constructed to prevent further bank problems.

The Parks and Recreation Commission conducted two meetings to hear public concern over eliminating motorized power boating on the lake, which were held on April 7 and May 5 during the course of the regular commission meetings. Approximately 20 people were present at these two meetings, which had been set to explore and discuss the basic problems and receive input. Various legal questions were asked at these meetings at which time Director Williamson was asked to secure answers to lake/river concerns and report back at the May meeting.

These questions were directed to City Attorney Ron Stein, who was asked to attend the May meeting and answer any questions that might be raised as well as to bring the commission up to date regarding access and liability responsibilities.

After much discussion and participation by the audience, the commission moved that (1) all motorized power boating be eliminated from Lodi Lake with the exception of sanctioned City of Lodi sponsored activities, rental boat

recovery needs, and general park patrol functions; (2) that the launch or ramp be kept open for public access for launching motorized power crafts, which will in turn be required to go directly into the river and exit likewise to recover craft; and (3) that there be a restriction on the types of motorized crafts that can be launched, those types being V-drives, inboards and jet boats, and all others would be approved to launch and have access to the river.

It should be noted that this recommendation was put together with assistance from citizens present and met with approval at its conclusion for presentation to the Council.