

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 MAY 7, 1979

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was noted by the City Clerk as follows:

Present: Councilmen - Hughes, Katnich,
 McCarty, Pinkerton
 and Katzakian

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also

Present: Recreation Commission Members:

Elmer Brown
 David Hinchman
 Elvera Melby
 David Reese
 Dennis Swanson

Also

Present: City Manager Glaves, Assistant
 City Manager Glenn, City Attorney
 Mullen and City Clerk Reimche.

Following introduction of the matter by City Manager Glaves, Mr. Ed DeBenedetti, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a report regarding the problems being encountered at Lodi Lake Park which included background information, analysis of problems and suggested possible solutions.

Present control procedures were outlined in detail by Mr. DeBenedetti.

Park Patrolman Gretsinger addressed the Council and Recreation Commission and responded to questions as were posed by both bodies.

Park Patrolman Gretsinger suggested the following possible means to alleviate the problems being experienced:

- a) Restrict use of alcoholic beverages in public on any public street or parkway within 50 feet
- b) Beef up Park Patrol - suggesting that there be 2 people on duty at all times and maybe 3 with someone on the north side at all times

- c) Sufficient walkie-talkie equipment for Park Patrol
- d) Construction of a berm to act as traffic control device.

A very lengthy discussion followed with questions being directed to the City Attorney, Staff and Park Patrolman Gretsinger by the Council and Recreation Commission.

The following persons who were in the audience gave testimony on the matter:

- a) Mr. Robert Rose, 1010 Mason Street, Lodi cited various incidents that had occurred recently at the Lake. Mr. Rose stated he no longer allows his children to go to the Lake because of the situation there.
- b) Mr. A. M. Mellor, 1008 Laurel Avenue, Lodi. Mr. Mellor stated that he feels its the minority who are causing the problem at the Lake. Mr. Miller further stated that if we make laws, we should be able to enforce them.
- c) Mr. Scott Reiswig, 1122 W. Turner Road, Lodi. Mr. Reiswig stated he has witnessed motorcycle races and drug sales at the Lake and proposed fencing the entire area and charging additional entrance fees.
- d) Mr. L. Cowie, 504 Falls Avenue, Lodi. Mr. Cowie stated that there are plenty of flagrant violations going on at the Lake and that he doesn't understand it when peace officers lose their authority to take discretionary action involving juveniles.
- e) Mr. Greg Dillingham, 309 Westwood Avenue, Lodi stated that he feels that the problem at Lodi Lake is with young adults and that he feels the park patrol is doing their best. Mr. Dillingham stated that he feels the City might look to other city, county and state agencies to see what they do in like situations.
- f) Mr. William D. Holck, 237 Mission Street, Lodi stated he lives near Blakely Park and that he feels the City Council should be aware that similar problems are occurring at every City Park. Mr. Holck wonders if some type of records could not be maintained denoting repeat offenders.

Additional discussion followed with questions being directed to Staff and to persons in the audience giving testimony.

On motion of Councilman Hughes, Pinkerton second, Council authorized Staff to prepare a suitable proposed ordinance for Council action which would deal with the situation by:

- a) Adding additional Park Patrol (excluding night patrol)
- b) Authorizing evaluation of providing a berm or other traffic control device at Lodi Lake Park
- c) Have the City Attorney look at revising a City Ordinance regarding the restricted use of alcoholic beverages in public on any public street or parkway within 50 feet.

- d) Establish control on use of glass beverage containers in the Park
- e) Establish controls regarding littering within the park
- f) Look at possible voluntary canine program for the Park Patrol

Staff was directed to provide Council with the proposed ordinance containing provisions heretofore set forth at the earliest possible date. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Katzakian adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Attest:

Alice M. Reimche
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CITY CLERK