

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Perry Beachum and the roll was called.

Members Present: Jeff Altoft, Nancy Anderson, Perry Beachum, Susan Pomper and Paula Mierendorf (arrived 6:15)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Scott Fosburg, Mark Howe , Jim Hall, Mike Hoevenaar, Peggy Covert, and Luanne Wisniewski

IT WAS MOVED BY ALTOFT, and seconded by ANDERSON, to excuse the absence of commissioner Paula Mierendorf.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY POMPER and seconded by ALTOFT to approve the agenda as presented.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY ANDERSON and seconded by POMPER to approve the minutes of December 16, 2014 as written.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT

By consensus the commissioners approved the financial report.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Hoevenaar passed out a pamphlet showing the plans Lowell Little League has for the 20 acres donated to them by the Wege Foundation. The project which includes 12 ball fields, batting cages, a bike path, restrooms, concession stands and parking is scheduled to be completed in 3 years.

Covert would like everyone to be on the lookout for the garlic mustard plant. This invasive plant must be pulled out by its roots and disposed of in the trash or an area the plant will be walked on or driven over.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **BUDGET**

Howe reviewed the budget with the commissioners.

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF, and seconded by POMPER to approve the budget presented to the commissioners by Mark Howe.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

b. **ROTARY DECK PROJECT:**

A few members of rotary have been meeting at the Englehardt Library to determine where the best place would be for the addition of a deck to the library which is part of the Riverwalk Park improvement plan. There was a concern that the view from inside the library would be jeopardized in the new location selected just southwest of the original proposed deck. Mierendorf was concerned you would not be able to watch the children at the splash pad.

8. **PARK UPDATES**

a. **Recreation Park**

Fosburg mentioned Lacrosse has started at Burch field.

Beachum talked about the progress made on connecting the trails.

b. **Stoney Lakeside Park**

Fosburg reported the new bathroom partitions are up and the water will be turned on next week.

Altoft mentioned the drive into the park is real rough. Beachum wondered if we shouldn't have seasonal passes to raise some money for the park.

c. **Creekside Park**

Mierendorf will be hanging two banners at the Community Garden to bring more awareness to it.

d. **Richards Park**

The Lacrosse team did a nice job taking care of the ice rink this winter.

e. **Upper Bridge, Moose/Rogers, North Washington Properties**

Mierendorf reported a couple trees down blocking some of the trails.

f. **Riverwalk Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY POMPER and seconded by ANDERSON to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Wisniewski