

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
City Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Perry Beachum and roll was called.

Members Present: Nancy Anderson, Perry Beachum, and Paula Mierendorf

Members Absent: Susan Pomper and Mike DeVore

Others Present: Dave Pasquale, Peggy covert, Mike Hoevenaar, Nate Post,
Dirk Ritzema, Andrea Ketchmark, Harry Burkholder, Mike McKendrick
and Luanne Wisniewski

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM AND SECONDED BY MIERENDORF to excuse the absence of commissioner Susan Pomper.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF and seconded by ANDERSON to approve the agenda with the addition to New Business b. Responsibilities of the Commissioners.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF and seconded by ANDERSON to approve the minutes of January 19, 2016 as corrected.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT

By consensus the commissioners approved the financial report.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Nate Post voiced his concerns regarding the agreements and the February meeting.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Park Agreements**

The commissioners reviewed the park agreements with Nate Post, Lowell Youth Football and Mike Hoevenaar, Lowell Little League.

IT WAS MOVED BY ANDERSON and seconded by MIERENDORF to approve the Park Agreements as presented for the City Council to review and approve.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Fairgrounds Signage**

Beachum felt this was an issue that should be reviewed with the planning commission and Kent County board members as they work through their new lease.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **North Country Trail – Town Trail Project**

Andrea Ketchmark and Harry Burkholder gave a speech on making the City of Lowell a “Trail Town”. The Trail Town program improves the town’s signage with wayfinding signs, brochures, etc., which helps hikers find restaurants, camping, hotels, stores, etc. This would bring more people to events in Lowell, such as the Riverwalk Concerts, Girls Night Out, etc. North Country Trail has received a grant and would like to invite any interested Park commissioners to attend their meetings. Mierendorf volunteered to attend these meetings.

b. **Responsibilities of the Commissioners**

Beachum discussed with the commissioners what the Park & Recreation Board responsibilities are. Pasquale thought the board should meet with the Council members to discuss this issue further.

8. **PARKS UPDATE**

a. **Recreation Park**

Beachum reported there is a section of the fence that has been down for some time and he would like Fosburg to check into this.

b. **Stoney Lakeside Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

c. **Creekside Park**

Mierendorf discussed her goals this year for the community garden.

d. **Richards Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

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

The commissioners would like to meet with the Boy Scout leaders on a walk around at the cabin.

f. **Riverwalk Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mierendorf presented an article for the commissioners to review.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY BEACHUM AT 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Wisniewski