

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Perry Beachum and roll was called.

Members Present: Nancy Anderson, Perry Beachum, Alan Teelander

Members Absent: Susan Pomper and Paula Mierendorf

Others Present: Mike Burns, Scott Fosburg, Rich LaBombard, Bob Rogers (left 6:45)
Mike Hoevenaar, Bob Richardson and Nate Post (left 6:20)

IT WAS MOVED BY TEELANDER and seconded by ANDERSON to excuse the absence of commissioners Susan Pomper and Paula Mierendorf.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY ANDERSON and seconded by TEELANDER to approve the agenda as written.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY TEELANDER and seconded by ANDERSON to approve the minutes for September 20, 2016 as written.

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 with Lowell Youth Football would like to replace the scoreboard at Burch Field. Post would like to change the new scoreboard to face north. Beachum suggested Post look into applying for grants.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Stoney Lakeside Playground Update**

Bob Rogers updated the commissioners on the fundraising for the new playground. Their goal is to raise \$14,265.62, twenty five percent of the total cost. They will be accepting donations until December 1st. The total raised to date is \$6,060.00. Bob and his wife, Amanda, will be meeting a professional fundraiser to help them with this project and future projects. The commissioners discussed donating \$1,500 this year to the playground and reserving \$1,500 for next year's maintenance.

A motion was made for the Parks and Recreation Board to donate \$1,500 to the new Stoney Lakeside playground.

IT WAS MOVED BY ANDERSON and seconded by TEELANDER to donate \$1,500 to the new Stoney Lakeside playground.

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

b. **Master Plan Options – Wish List for all Parks**

LaBombard explained this will be a six step process and the first one will be meeting with Dave Austin with Williams & Works.

c. **Parks Pamphlet Update**

A rough draft was presented of the parks pamphlet. It was suggested we look into adding a scanner icon for smart phone users.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Recreation Sports Contracts**

Bob Richardson with Lowell Schools would like to use Creekside Park fields May 12th and 13th for a varsity softball tournament. Mike Hoevenaar with Lowell Little League agreed to work with Richardson for that weekend in May. The commissioners discussed the tournament fee of \$100 per day.

A motion was made to waive the fee of \$100 per day for the schools tournament May 12th and 13th of 2017.

It was moved by ANDERSON and seconded by TEELANDER to waive the \$100 per day fee for the Lowell Schools Varsity Girls Tournament May 12th and 13th of 2017.

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

b. Kent County Youth Fair Contracts

The commissioners discussed with Mike Burns the upcoming renewal of the contract and changes that they would like to have considered.

8. PARKS UPDATE

a. Recreation Park

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

b. Stoney Lakeside Park

James Carey is going working on adding a gazebo in the small dog run area.

c. Creekside Park

Arbor Board approved evergreen trees to be planted this fall.

d. Richards Park

Lowell Little League will take care of the maintenance for the Ice Skating rink for the 2016-2017 winter seasons.

e. Upper Bridge, Moose/Rogers, Scout Park

Arbor board approved replacing the trees that have died on the Moose/Rogers property.

f. Riverwalk Park

A tree sleeve was installed in preparation for the City of Lowell's Christmas tree that is being donated.

The tree selected to be planted to honor Jim Hall will be a Crimson King Maple.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No comments were received.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY BEACHUM AT 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Wisniewski