

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2005, AT 8:30 A.M.

Present: Beachum, Green, Hoats, Pfaller and Pomper (arrived at 8:33 a.m.).

Absent: none.

Also Present: Scott Fosburg, Steve Oakes, James Hinton, Russ Ettinger, Jeff Eckstrom and Ron Wenger.

1. Pfaller moved, Hoats supported to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2005 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Under Stoney Lakeside Park, Fosburg reported attendance and usage high, tests good, fewer geese than other years. Some discussion was held about spending money for trapping (already approved). Fosburg reported that he has not received a license yet. Funds will be held until next year.

Some discussion by trails committee, reported by Pfaller, to possibly bring trail to Stoney Lakeside Park.

3. Creekside Park received a lot of use by schools last two weeks of schools. Suggestion of deposit was proposed for school use, in case parks not cleaned up. Park was left in bad shape. Consensus was to send letter to Administration and schools to ask that they clean the park after use.

New bases have been installed by James Hinton of Lowell Extreme Softball and Dan Boon of Lowell Little League.

Some discussion of dog (pet) use in parks and trails.

Beachum moved, Hoats supported to allow domestic animals on leashes in parks (recommendation to Council). Motion retracted by Beachum and Hoats. Consensus of Board to fix signage.

Wenger brought report to explain that Monday's discussion at Council meeting was not indicative of the Kent County Youth Fair Board's intentions or feelings.

Discussion of what projects we could do. Painting of Foreman Building suggested.

Beachum moved, Hoats supported for Parks to donate 1/3 of cost of paint for Foreman Building up to \$2,000 with City and KCYF to donate other 2/3. Motion carried.

Wenger also discussed camping on old Rogers Property.

4. No report by Skateboard Park Committee. Some discussion by those present to bring newer members up to date.
5. Jeff Eckstrom offered preliminary presentation about potential dog park. Discussion followed about need and location. No opposition. Eckstrom requested information about dog licenses.
6. No report for Upper Bridge Park.
7. Under Other Business. Fosburg reported that he found sandblaster for less than \$700.

Hoats moved, Pomper supported to authorize staff to sandblast and paint the playground equipment at Stoney Lakeside Park. Motion carried.

Russ Ettinger introduced Steve Oakes. Steve is new sports director for the YMCA, replacing Dave Leggett.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at Stoney Lakeside Park.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Green on behalf of Dave Pasquale