

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010, AT 8:32 A.M.

Present: Beachum, Green, Hall, Pomper and Schrauben.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Cindy Peterson, Scott Fosburg, Kevin Taylor, James Carey and James Hinton.

The Commission welcomed Andrew Schrauben as Councilmember representative.

1. Hall moved, Green supported to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2009 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

2. No comments were received regarding Recreation Park.

3. Under Stoney Lakeside Park, James Carey said a lawn service will mow inside the dog park area next year. He wanted the City to continue garbage pickup and snow plowing.

Carey also wished to have a pet expo at the fairgrounds next October. The Commissioners told him to contact Ron Wenger for availability of the site.

4. Under Creekside Park, Fosburg said \$10,000 is needed for new wood chips at Creekside Kingdom while \$23,000 would be required for rubberized pellets.

5. Ice skating has been good at Richards Park. Xtreme Softball has provided 35 ½ hours of work for ice skating rink preparation.

With vandalism as an issue, having lights on by the rink was discussed. It was decided to leave the lights off.

The skateboard equipment has not been received.

6. No comments were given for Upper Bridge Park.

7. The Commissioners discussed the North Washington property. The southeast section should remain passive. There needs to be a sign and general cleanup. The Wolverine Power Lines are coming out. A sliding hill is present at the site. Camping could be available to the public.

The Lowell Area Recreation Authority has received DNR and MDOT grants to construct trails. Construction will begin the Spring of 2011.

Beachum said that the intent of LARA is to construct trails with grants rather than taxes.

Green asked if the riverwalk could be designated as a park. He also mentioned the riverwalk on the west side of the Flat River.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale