

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010, AT 8:32 A.M.

Present: Beachum, Green, Hall and Schrauben.

Absent: Pomper.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Scott Fosburg, James Carey, James Hinton and Toby Alderink.

Hall moved, Green supported to excuse the absence of Pomper. Motion carried.

1. Hall moved, Schrauben supported to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Under Recreation Park, cleaning up the riverwalk was reviewed. The cost to undertake the project is needed. The walking path was discussed. A grant will be pursued next year.

Trees will be planted on the north and west sides of the ballfield to provide screening.

Toby Alderink, representing Backyard Dreams requested permission to provide exterior batting cages at Recreation and Creekside Parks. These would be 12 to 14 feet high and 60 to 70 feet long. The Commissioners wished to see a diagram of the batting cage. There was an issue of maintenance

Alderink also mentioned the need for a flag pole. The Commissioners asked for cost options.

3. Under Stoney Lakeside Park, the proposal of a floating dock was discussed. Because of insurance concerns, this is not recommended. There is river fluctuation. After discussion, the Commissioners decided to leave the issue alone.

James Carey, on behalf of the dog park, stated a Pet Expo is planned during the Harvest Festival in October south of the Farmers market. Carey was told to contact Ron Wenger who manages the Fairgrounds.

4. Under Creekside Park, ground cover options for Creekside Kingdom were reviewed. The Lowell Area Community Fund awarded the City \$22,500 to remove old wood chips around Creekside Kingdom. Pollution Control Services carried this work out for \$19,399.14.

The Commission considered three options for ground cover:

- Wood mulch \$12,024
- Black rubber mulch \$28,235
- Pea Stone \$ 5,580

The Lowell Area Community Fund was asked to consider allowing the remaining \$3,100 for ground cover. Word on this request will come shortly.

Green moved, Schrauben supported to recommend to the City Council to provide pea stone (option 3, \$5,580) with allocations from the Lowell Area Community Fund (\$3,100) assuming approval and the Lee Fund (\$2,500). Motion carried.

5. At Richards Park, ice skating went well and now has stopped.

Rules and regulations for the skateboard park need to be written.

The issue of a more permanent structure was discussed.

Alderink stated a permanent structure for storage should be built at Creekside Park for various groups (e.g. Xtreme Softball, Little League).

6. Pasquale requested the Commission provide its approval to include the old amphitheater within the Parks Master Plan so that DNR Trust Fund and Federal Land and Water Conservations Fund grants can be pursued for redevelopment.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to have the amphitheater and riverwalk included in the Parks Master Plan.

7. Under Other Business, the Jim Pfaller plaque will be located by the Stoney Lakeside Park gazebo.

The mowing contractor for the dog park must have a two million dollar liability insurance policy.

The boat launch by Unity High School was briefly discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale