

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010, AT 8:30 A.M.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Dan DesJarden, Scott Fosburg, Kevin Taylor, James Hinton, Tom Miller, Jerry Lux, James Carey and Toby Alderink.

Green moved, Hall supported to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion Carried.

1. Pasquale stated that in order to receive possible State and Federal grant funding for the amphitheater renovation he proposed needs to have this project with the riverwalk included in the Parks Master Plan update. Through the firm of Williams & Works, the cost would be \$800.

Because of limitations in the Lee Fund, the Commission by consensus would provide \$400 for the master plan update. It was also mentioned that the Boy Scout Cabin be included.

2. Under Recreation Park, Fosburg noted that the power box at the east side of Burch Field is in very poor conditions and must be replaced. The Commissioners agreed this is a maintenance issue which must be addressed.

A \$3950 work estimate from Rickert Electric was received.

Hall moved, Green supported to allocate \$2000 each from the Lee and Carr Funds to provide a new power box at the east side of Burch Field. Motion carried.

3. Under Stoney Lakeside Park, DesJarden noted the skateboard equipment will be delivered to the City on Monday, March 29 for Richards Park. He stated that a fork lift would need to be utilized for two to three days costing between \$2000-3000. Rental equipment charges amount to \$800.

With the moving setup costs, DesJarden suggested that the skateboard park be located at Stoney Lake Park on a permanent basis. He said a concrete slab 100' x 60' has been quoted at \$14,100. A fence would bring the total to \$21,000.

The Commissioners discussed the issue, particularly on moving costs of the skateboard equipment utilizing Richards Park. An application to the Lowell Area Community Fund for Stoney Lakeside Park should be pursued.

4. Under Creekside Park, Toby Alderink represented Backyard Dreams, stated games will begin the first weekend of May. Also, he mentioned a flag pole at the fields should be installed. A 25 foot pole placed at the center of the three diamonds would cost \$1100 with a \$300 set up charge.

Beachum proposed each Commissioner provide a wish list of the projects for funding consideration at the next meeting.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the road conditions at Recreation Park and the proposed gate.

5. At Richards Park, skateboard rules and regulations were reviewed. These are needed in terms of safety and liability and must be enforceable.

The city staff will write a draft of rules and regulations for the skateboard park.

Xtreme Softball provided 45 hours of work over 2 ½ months for the skating rink. They need to invoice the City.

6. Upper Bridge Park received no comments.

7. Under Other Business, Tom Miller and Jerry Lux representing the YMCA were welcomed. They said the Y is trying to rebuild its sports program in Lowell.

James Carey, on behalf of the Dog Park, said Pet Expo is planned for October 10 and has been welcomed by the Fair.

A member of the Dog Park committee will provide lawn maintenance and is to be compensated. A question of insurance liability still needs to be answered.

Kevin Taylor, representing Lowell Lacrosse, wishes to have a trailer serving cooked food for fans. The Commission said permits must be sought through the County Health Department. An annual review of agreements with the Lowell Youth Football and YMCA will be held at the next meeting.

Carey expressed some concerns about locating the skateboard park at Stoney Lakeside Park and any conflict with the dog park.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale