

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010, AT 8:35 A.M.

Present: Green, Hall and Schrauben.

Absent: Beachum and Pomper.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Dan DesJarden, Shannon Hanley, Cindy Peterson, John Sterly, James Carey, Paula Blumm, Staci Chambers, Brian Worsley and Jeff Guinn.

In the absence of Perry Beachum, Don Green served as Acting Chair.

Hall moved, Schrauben supported to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Schrauben moved, Hall supported to excuse the absences of Beachum and Pomper. Motion carried.

1. Under Richards Park, an update on the Skateboard Park was provided by Paula Blumm. Installation of the skateboard equipment will occur in less than a day. The total cost for improvements at Richards Park was \$70,000. This summer the portable equipment will be used at Richards Park.

DPW Director DesJarden presented a draft of proposed rules for the skateboard park. These could be regulated as civil infractions. BMX bikes should be prohibited.

The BMX issue was discussed. Blumm said the park has been designed for BMX bikes and interaction can take place. A fence around the skateboard facility had been proposed as a control issue. The skateboarders need to take ownership.

The proposed rules were reviewed with the following changes:

- Roller skates than blades
- Eliminate phone availability
- Protective gear as second item
- Outside equipment – no BMX at this point

The skateboard jumps will be installed through assistance from the Rotary Club and Public Works. John Sterly from Rotary will help coordinate. Rules with temporary signages are to be posted. The skateboard park is proposed to move to Stoney Lakeside Park this fall if funding can be secured.

Schrauben moved, Hall supported to approve the skateboard rules for Richard Park. Motion carried.

2. The YMCA Agreement was reviewed with Staci Chambers. The Y provides soccer, Tball and adult softball programs.

Chambers brought the issue of having temporary banners at softball games.

3. Hall and Green brought their wish list of projects. These along with the other Commissioners lists will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. Under Recreation Park, the tables are in. Cindy Peterson, on behalf of the Lowell Lacrosse requested that Burch Field be rolled.
5. Under Recreation Park, James Cary, representing the Dog Park said the facility is being used more. The person who is mowing the dog park has insurance. Carey wished to have lights for greater security. Commissioners told him to bring a proposal.
6. Under Creekside Park, Brian Worsley said Little League uses the T-ball fields. He is considering a 8' x 10" storage shed location options. The Commissioners said to try first by the parking lot.

A remote, battery powered scoreboard on a pole has been proposed.

The backstops are too low. A flagpole has been presented for consideration.

7. Hall requested to include the Moose and Rogers properties as an agenda item with Upper Bridge Park.

He also proposed a controlled burn at the Rogers property.

8. Under Other Business, with the Downtown Development Authority providing the matching \$400 for the Parks Master Plan update to include the amphitheater and riverwalk the project can be initiated.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at Creekside Park. The parks visits should be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Pasquale