

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Perry Beachum and roll was called.

Members Present: Perry Beachum, Theresa Mundt, Greg Canfield and Paula Mierendorf

Members Absent: Susan Pomper

Others Present: Rich LaBombard, Mike Minier, Todd Schaal, Mike Burns and Luanne Wisniewski

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT and seconded by MIERENDORF to excuse the absence of commissioner (s) Susan Pomper.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by MIERENDORF to approve the agenda as presented.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT and seconded by CANFIELD to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018 as written.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT

There was a discussion regarding some of the ball fields and the policy for payments and sharing the fields. The city will look into more options and present them at the next meeting. Minier mentioned Lowell Little League is looking into teaming up with a travel baseball team which would add approximately 10 teams that would need a field for practice time.

By consensus, the commissioners approved the financial report.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Unity High School Development**

Burns gave a presentation updating the commissioners on the progress of the development. A drawing of the landscaping proposed for the portion of land that will be swapped for the 7' was submitted for the commissioners to review. Burns commented the developers would like to start with the first phase of the development and would like to have the park committee's recommendation to Council for the swap of the 7' x 263.2 of City property along the building that is planned for 14 condos and retail stores.

Canfield is concerned about the parking spaces for truck and trailers using the boat and kayak launch. This would not leave enough space for a truck and trailer to get turned around to back up to the boat launch. He would like to see the agreement for the parking spaces in writing before we sign off on the first phase. Although this would delay the start of the development by a few months, the commissioners feel this would be in the best interest of the city to slow things down and make sure the city will be left with enough property to provide parking.

Commissioner Mundt made a motion to recommend to the Council the exchange of land and there was no second. Motion denied.

8. **PARKS UPDATE**

a. **Recreation Park**

Mundt will be the representative from the Parks and Recreation Committee to attend the new Rec. Park Committee that will be working on ideas for Recreation Park after the KCYF leaves.

The new traffic light at Bowes went live today. We will be watching for backed up traffic.

b. **Stoney Lakeside Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

c. **Creekside Park**

The DPW is working on the bathrooms.

Mierendorf mentioned Amanda Rogers, with the Girl Scouts, is working on a face book page for the Community Garden.

d. **Richards Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

e. **Upper Bridge, Moose/Rogers, Scout Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

f. **Riverwalk Park/Showboat**

LaBombard gave an update on the showboat's progress. There is a meeting tomorrow night.

g. **LARA Trails**

Beachum reported the committee is moving forward with the permit with the railroad.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mierendorf expressed her appreciate for all who have worked on the parks projects.

Canfield confirmed he is for the school property swap of land, after parking issues are settled on paper, not with a hand shake.

Beachum thanked Todd Schaal for coming to our meeting.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY BEACHUM AT 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Wisniewski