

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL – GRAND RIVER ROOM**

**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, Greg Canfield, Susan Pomper

Members Absent: Theresa Mundt, Paula Mierendorf (arrived 6:06)

Others Present: Mike Burns, Mike Minier, Buddy Bennett, Keith Butler  
Dan Czarnecki and Luanne Wisniewski

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by POMPER to excuse the absence of Commissioners Theresa Mundt and Paula Mierendorf.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by POMPER to approve the agenda as submitted.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF and seconded by POMPER to approve the minutes from July 16, 2019 as written.

YES: 3. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT**

Burns reported the auditors will be coming to City Hall in the next few weeks and we should have an accurate figure for spending for the November meeting.

By consensus, the commissioners approved the financial report.

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

Minier with Lowell Little League thanked the commissioners for their contribution for the stone dust.

There was a discussion regarding the future contracts for all the fields. Czarnecki will work on putting together a draft for the November Parks and Rec. meeting.

Buthler with Lowell Lacrosse inquired about making some improvements to the existing field or possibly finding a new location for a field. Lowell Lacrosse is made up of teams from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The commissioners advised him to check into grants and come back to the parks committee with specific improvements Lacrosse would like to make.

6. **NEW BUSINESS – Natural Habitat – Riverwalk Park**

Czarnecki handed out the original design and pictures of the overgrowth. Czarnecki and Burns meant with the original designer, Patricia Cornelisse. Cornelisse made several suggestions for maintaining this area and she would be willing to meet with the parks committee or with volunteers on site. She also thought maybe a Master Gardener's group would like to adopt this area. Czarnecki will check with the developers of Unity School to see if they would be interested in maintaining this area.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

8. **PARKS UPDATE**

a. **Recreation Park**

Czarnecki reported several tree branches were down in this park from the storm. The DPW has rented a chipper and will be helping residents take care of their branches first and then removing the damaged trees in the City's parks.

b. **Stoney Lakeside Park**

Czarnecki reported they are done testing the beach for this year and all the tests were good.

Czarnecki had Fosburg look at benches in the skateboard park that were reported damaged. Fosburg reported these benches were homemade and will be removed.

Czarnecki mentioned the locks have not been consistent and they will be getting someone out to look into this.

c. **Creekside Park**

Mierendorf now has a volunteer mowing the garden. She will soon start fall cleanup and is looking for a place to get rid of all the dead plants.

d. **Richards Park**

No comments were received or discussed regarding this item.

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

No comments were received or discussed regarding this item.

f. **Riverwalk Park/Showboat**

The speaker system must be approved by the DDA before moving forward.

g. **LARA Trails**

Canfield commented they have raised 5 million dollars towards the DNR grant. Because they did not make the required 6.5 million dollars, they withdrew the request for the grant and will try again next year to raise the remaining 1.5 million dollars.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mierendorf welcomed Dan Czarnecki to our Parks and Recreation meetings.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY BEACHUM AT 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luanne Wisniewski