

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Chairperson Paula Mierendorf, Theresa Mundt, Todd Schaal (joined at 6:45 due to technical difficulties), and Councilperson Leah Groves

Members Absent: Susan Pomper

Others Present: Dan Czarnecki

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT and seconded by MIERENDORF to excuse the absence of board members Susan Pomper and Todd Schaal (Schaal arrived at 6:45).

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF and seconded by MUNDT to approve the agenda as written.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF and seconded by GROVES to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021, regular meeting.

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

4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial information was reviewed by the board

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Park and Recreation Commission Project Priorities List

The commission continued discussion of possible priorities for 2021. Board reviewed the current Recreation Master Plan, Ch. 8, Action Plan for each park. They reviewed the items that have already been accomplished. They reviewed remaining action items and put together a list of improvements the Parks Board would like to make priorities for FY 21-22.

Creekside Park:

Add park, City, and destination signage; Priority A; \$5,000

Add parking spaces; Priority B; variable cost.

Crackfill and seal pathway; Priority B; \$3,300

Add paved path from playground sidewalk to pavilion; Priority B; \$50 per foot

Stoney Lakeside Park:

Add signage guiding users between Creekside and Stoney Lakeside parks; Priority A; variable cost

Improve ADA accessibility, beach ramp; Priority A; variable cost

Richards Park:

Add park, City and destination signage; Priority A; \$5,000

Repair ice rink; Priority A; variable cost.

Add splash pad; Priority B; \$75,000 (Maybe replace ice rink with splash pad?)

Add climbable structure for children (toddlers); Priority B; \$50,000

Riverwalk Park:

Improve signage; Priority A; \$5,000

Fence or screen port-a-potty (at boat launch); Priority A; \$500

Recreation Park:

Add park, City and destination signage; Priority A; \$5,000

Scout Park:

Add park, City and destination signage; Priority A; \$5,000 (incl. info on connection to NCT?)

Improve boat and canoe launch; Priority B; variable cost.

Improve river access; Priority C; variable cost.

Add picnic area and trash receptacles; Priority B; \$2,000

(Look at partnering with Boy Scout Troop 102 to accomplish improvements.)

Parks Board will review final list and put together a presentation for City Council at an upcoming Council meeting.

b. Recognition of Service for Perry Beachum (approx. 30 yrs. on Board)

Czarnecki provided additional information to the board for discussion possible recognition of the 30 years Mr. Beachum has put to the Parks Board. The consensus was to place a bench on Riverside Dr., across the street from the Board of Light and Power building. Czarnecki will finalize project costs and present at an upcoming Parks Board meeting for final approval.

8. PARK UPDATES

a. Recreation Park

b. Stoney Lakeside Park/Dog Park/Skateboard Park

Mr. Jacob Moore is continuing to maintain an ice skating area at Pebble Beach in Stoney Lakeside Park. Seems to be getting a lot of use with ice hockey and skating going on. He has been doing this on his own, along with helpers. Parks Board agree to send Mr. Moore a letter of appreciation for his hard work and community involvement.

c. Creekside Park

d. Richards Park

DPW has not been able to continue clearing the ice rink due to snowy weather and the need to plow streets. Prior to snow fall the DPW was working to build up the ice on the rink, however, due to after-hours use by others the ice was damaged and DPW did not have time to repair properly prior to the latest snow/freeze.

e. Scout Park

f. Riverwalk Park/Showboat

g. Miscellaneous Park/Properties (Upper Bridge/McMahan/Moose/Rogers)

h. LARA Trails

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Parks Board discussed their next regularly scheduled meeting date. Because some members know they cannot make the scheduled meeting, it was the consensus of the board member to move the meeting date up one week, to **March 9, 2022, at 6pm.**

Groves: Appreciative of everything every is doing to be involved with the parks and community.
Mlerendorf: Also thankful and appreciative of everyone's involvement for parks.

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT, seconded by GROVES, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submltted,
Dan Czarnecki