

**LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

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, Casey Butler, Theresa Mundt, Susan Pomper,
Councilperson Leah Groves

Members Absent:

Others Present: Tanya DeOliveira from Williams & Works, Dan Czarnecki

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

IT WAS MOVED BY GROVES and seconded by BUTLER to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022, regular meeting, as amended.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. 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. Recreation Plan, Survey Update, Tanya DeOliveira

DeOliveira went over the online survey results, reviewing the comments and key findings. Many comments about development of Scout Park. Several comments about need for people with disabilities and teens. Wide range of comments. Discussion by board on next steps for focus groups. Would like to set three specific meetings: Passive Recreation, Disability Groups, and Sports Usage. Need to set boundaries for the groups and keep them focused and on task. DeOliveira said it would be her job at the meetings to keep them focused and moving forward. List of potential participants is being developed. All board members were asked to provide list of anyone they think would be good fits for the discussion, along with their contact info. DeOliveira and Czarnecki will put together questions and direction for the groups which will be provided to board members as they are developed. Will try to get this completed soon.

b. Community Garden, Paula Mierendorf

Went over an update on the Community Garden. Shed is installed. Still needs some minor work on the inside for users to access. Still looking for a new leader of the Garden to take over and help shepherd the group. Showboat Garden Club has joined and are growing flowers for use around the area.

8. PARK UPDATES

a. Recreation Park – DPW has Foreman Building ready for the Fair. Grounds are being readied by the Youth Fair. Baseball field lights being worked on. Football field irrigation turned on.

b. Stoney Lakeside Park/Dog Park/Skateboard Park – Security cameras are being installed because of vandalism. Should be done soon. Beach water testing has been accomplished every week. Results for E. Coli are well under the threshold so far. Water was tested twice for algae blooms in June due to social media complaints of dogs getting sick from swimming in the water. Both results showed no blooms and minimal algae of all types.

c. Creekside Park – Security cameras are being installed due to vandalism. Should be completed soon. Ballfield maintenance is being performed now that baseball is done for the summer. Aim to be completed in time for fall baseball. Community Garden is growing will!

d. Richards Park –

e. Scout Park

f. Riverwalk Park/Showboat – Bathrooms are open every day. Schedule varies for the day/event. Opening at 9am, closing between 9-11 pm depending on the day.

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

h. LARA Trails – Engineers are working with the water treatment facility to come up with a trail location behind the plant on ground higher than the river banks. May need to relocate facility security fence to accommodate trail.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY GROVES, seconded by MUNDT to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Czarnecki