

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006, AT 8:30 A.M.

Present: Beachum, Green, Hoats, Pfaller and Pomper.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dan DesJarden, Jeff Eckstrom, Scott Fosburg, James Hinton and Steve Oakes.

1. Hoats moved, Pfaller supported to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2006 meeting as written. Motion carried.
2. Jeff Eckstrom updated the Commissioners on the progress of a dog park. Eckstrom commented that 170 mailings have gone out and to date they have received \$1300 in donations. He also noted that a grant was being applied for from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Eckstrom mentioned that his organizing committee put together a \$39,000 budget. This did not include a water line nor maintenance. Eckstrom said a maintenance budget is needed.

Donations were briefly discussed. A "pipe" where monies could be given on site has been considered. Accounting procedures are still to be secured.

Eckstrom mentioned he went to seven houses in the South Jefferson – Front area, where five were at home. The only objection was due to noise such a facility would bring.

The dog park is to be located on the west end of the Moose property. The parking lot has been planned to be elongated.

The Commissioners further discussed the proposal. Is the use temporary? Is there a term of the use? Should an escrow be established for maintenance?

Naming the park was also considered.

3. Oakes discussed the clean up of the T-ball fields after the 4-H fair.

Fosburg discussed the location of the Crew team fencing at Recreational Park.

Discussion was held regarding the clean up of Recreational Park which the Fair Association utilizes. Pfaller will attend the fair meeting to discuss this matter.

4. Pfaller requested the DPW to make contact with the Clarke Street developer regarding the removal of the underground sprinkling and invisible dog fence from park property.

Fosburg has applied for a goose trapping permit.

5. Oakes discussed the scheduling for the YMCA events held at City parks and asked permission to place advertising banners at parks to raise funds. Parks Commission concurred and should be placed on Saturdays only.

Hinton reported on the Lowell Extreme Softball. There are four teams this year. Hinton also discussed the maintenance at the field.

A question arose regarding if Creekside Park would be open during Gee Drive construction. DPW Director DesJarden responded yes.

6. DesJarden will provide estimates regarding the construction of the ice skating rink at Richards Park for the next meeting.
7. A worksession meeting will be held on April 22, 2006 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. regarding the cost for parks, naming opportunity policy for parks.
8. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Pasquale