

LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008, AT 8:30 A.M.  
RECREATION PARK

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Betty Morlock, Jeff Altoft, Shannon Hanley (Skateboard Park), Christine Grove (Christine's K-9 Service), Nash Porter (YMCA), Jeff Eckstrom and James Carey (Dog Park), Martin Canfield (LYF) and James Hinton (Xtreme Softball).

1. Pfaller moved, Green supported to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
2. The Recreation Plan Update was tabled at this time. Comments are to be sent to City Manager Pasquale or City Clerk Morlock and then will be forwarded to Williams and Works.
3. The Parks Agreement Policy was briefly discussed and Pfaller stated he would forward his comments to Morlock for distribution to the Commission.
4. No comments were received regarding the RV Park proposal.
5. Under Recreation Park, the Commission discussed the trees that were planted under the electrical wires south of Bowes Road. The Commission recommends the trees be moved. It was questioned when and who would pay for relocating these trees?
6. Under Stoney Lakeside Park, Christine Grove of Christine's K-9 Service has requested to enter into a Parks Use Agreement to use the Dog Park to conduct dog obedience classes. Grove stated that she had provided the City with a copy of her insurance. She hopes to hold classes from early Spring to late Fall.

At the April meeting, the Commission recommend the City enter into a Parks Use Agreement with Christine Grove of Christine's K-9 Service for dog obedience classes at the dog park charging \$5 per dog per session and requiring \$2,000,000 liability insurance.

Jeff Eckstrom, on behalf of the Dog Park, requested permission to look into constructing a covered shelter with a cement foundation and no walls to shade the dogs in the fenced in area. The Commission supported the concept but wants to see some plans before approving.

7. Creekside Park, Pomper commented on the condition of the Creekside Kingdom playground equipment. Morlock stated she would contact Parks Supervisor Scott Fosburg on this issue.
8. Shannon Hanley, representing Our Love Skate Park Committee, stated they have been working hard to raise monies for the park but have not been very successful. They have a matching grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund, but raising the money is very difficult. The Commission suggested that they apply to the Look Memorial Fund and the Lowell Rotary Club.
9. The Commission commented on the high use of the skateboard/ice rink at Richards Park. The entire park is being used a great deal.

Sergeant James Hinton stated the neighbors have been complaining about the language used when skateboarders fall. It was recommended that the Police as well as the Parks Commission, and so forth, show a presence and interest in the skateboarders to help keep things more positive.

10. No comments were received regarding Upper Bridge Park.

Under Other Business, it was discussed to have a landscaping master plan prepared for the entire Recreation Ball Park area. Then various grants could be sought.

The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Stoney Lakeside Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty R. Morlock