

**City of Lowell  
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 1, 2015  
Lowell City Hall**

**Call to Order: 6:00 P.M. by Joyce Donnell, City Clerk**

**Members Present:** Hall O'Regan, George Wild, Don Bennett, Maggie Osgood, Jim & Karen Burford, Warren Weathers, Judith Rennert, Ken & Kathy Hern, Trinity Dobslaw, Bob Burr, Idella Stinson

Introduction of the new City Administrator Jared Cobb, who assumed control of the meeting.

**Approval of the minutes for July 2, 2015 – Karen Burford moved to approve minutes from July 2, 2015, seconded by Maggie Osgood. Passed by consensus. Abstain: Jim Burford, Maggie Osgood, Judith Rennert, Don Bennett**

**Old Business:**

- **Park Advisory Chair** – Discussion on candidates, **Warren Weathers nominated Ken Hern for Parks Advisory Chairperson, seconded by George Wild. PASS by consensus. Abstain: Jim Burford, Maggie Osgood, Judith Rennert, Don Bennett**  
**Jim Burford moved to appoint Hall O'Regan as supervising maintenance of Paul Fisher Park, seconded by Kathy Hern. PASS by consensus. Abstain: Jim Burford, Maggie Osgood, Judith Rennert, Don Bennett**

Ken Hern took his place as Chairperson of the Parks Advisory Committee.

- **Mulch for Paul Fisher Park** – Discussion on what requirements are needed for the playground. Hall O'Regan will research pricing. **Jim Burford moved to purchase mulch for Paul Fisher Park, seconded by Warren Weathers. PASS by consensus. Abstain: Jim Burford, Maggie Osgood, Judith Rennert, Don Bennett**  
Discussion on exposed tree roots posing a tripping hazard by playground. Warren Weathers will look at it. It was requested to bring item back on next agenda.
- **Security Camera's** – Public Works will trench the line into City Hall at Paul Fisher Park. Waiting to see how these work before placing cameras in Rolling Rock Park. Discussion followed on the security light, CA Cobb will check with Lane Electric on other options available. **Bob Burr moved that CA go ahead with a greater lumen LED light, if none available, go ahead and replace with old style light. Second by Warren Weathers. PASS by consensus. Abstain: Jim Burford, Maggie Osgood, Judith Rennert, Don Bennett**

**New Business:**

- **Swing Seats in Paul Fisher Park** - Another swing seat is breaking, Joyce will order a new one. Idella Stinson inquired if some of the toddler swings could be switched

with the older kid swings, because there is no shade for the toddler area in the summer months. Discussion followed. Hall O'Regan will investigate.

- **Portable Toilets for Winter Months** – Discussion on portable toilets, and if they should be placed in the parks again this year. No portable toilets will be ordered. **Bob Burr moved to shut down the bathrooms in the park only during freezing weather and to place a temporarily closed sign. Second by Karen Burford. PASS by consensus. Abstain: Jim Burford, Maggie Osgood, Judith Rennert, Don Bennett**
- **Rolling Rock Park – Kids After Dark** – Concerns have been made about unruly adolescents in the park at night. CA will contact Oakridge Police Dept. and request them to monitor the area.

**Other Business:**

- Maggie Osgood would like to work on having the parks green, have concerts and movies on the stage during the summer months. Discussion followed with Maggie doing follow up with some leads. Review of Parks Amphitheater Use Policy to be brought back on next agenda.
- Ken Hern stated that it is important that the Master Park Plan be reviewed and revised. He presented an idea of developing the boat area at the end of Parker Lane for use by non-motorized boats and the storage of. Discussion followed and will return on next agenda.
- Idella Stinson added the ideas from the past of adding a horseshoe pit and half-court basketball court to the Master Plan.
- George Wild stated that Public Works Dept. will be ordering lights for the Covered Bridge and changing them out.

**Adjourn: 8:04 PM**