

City of Lowell
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2015
Lowell City Hall

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Bjornstad

Members Present: Jerry Bjornstad, Hall O'Regan, George Wild, Jim & Karen Burford, Don Bennett, Erma Sloss

Approval of the minutes for February 5, 2015 – Karen Burford moved to approve minutes from March 5, 2015, seconded by Hall O'Regan. Passed by consensus.

Old Business:

• **Projects:**

- A) **The Covered Bridge Lighting** – Jerry did meet with Wilco and they will review the application, but they are more apt to help with agriculture projects.
- B) **Basketball Court** – Jerry met with Mr. Mike Ballenger and got a price quote for pouring concrete, approximately \$800 for half court up to \$2,000 for a full court. They discussed the process it would entail, and if Mr. Ballenger had the assistance of some strong help, he would be happy to supply the equipment and expertise. Jerry also contacted the State Parks Commission, and submitted an application for projects. They help fund projects with Lottery Monies at a 80/20 ratio, our 20% portion could include donated labor or supplies. Being a possible resource for future projects. Discussion followed on other types of surfaces and the placement of the court.
- C) **Railroad Signal in RR Park** – George Wild met with Simiron Haggard, and he is excited to work on it. He thinks it can be working by BlackBerry Jam Festival.
- D) **Security Cameras** – CA Lee reported he is working with Lane Electric to place a light pole in the Paul Fisher Park and that they will place the cameras for us. It was suggested to ask Lane Electric for a donated pole, to place cameras on, in RR Park.
- E) **RR Park Stage** – Jerry spoke with Debbie Sutch, Branch Manager of Banner Bank, formerly Siuslaw Bank, about replacing the sign. Discussed changing the placement of the sign, to help discourage vandalism to it.
- F) **Cemetery** - Jerry would like to put out the flags in the cemetery before the Regatta Events coming up, but it needs to be mowed first.
- G) **Park Bathroom's** - CA Lee reported that the park bathrooms are now open except the women's bathroom at RR Park, the toilet is not working properly, Public Works is working on it. The locks had to be replaced on the bathrooms in RR Park due to vandalism. Honey Bucket picked up the porta potty's on March

30, 2015. Hall O'Regan reported that the men's bathroom at Paul Fisher Park is missing the latch mechanism. CA will notify Public Works.

New Business:

- **Idea's for New Park** - There was discussion on idea's for the park. CA, Jerry and Hall will go over next week and take a look at it. CA will invite the councilor's to join them also. CA will look for grants for a walking path in the park by next meeting.

Other Business:

- **Baby Swing Seat in Paul Fisher Park** – Needs to be replaced due to it splitting on the side. Hall O'Regan removed it from the park, and brought it to City Hall.
- **Reminder of Park Clean Up Day** – Scheduled for June 6, 2015.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** - CA stated the city will provide a lunch for all volunteers that have helped over the year.
- **City Wide Yard Sale** - Erma suggested having a city wide yard sale. Jerry will contact Superintendent of Lowell High School about having a community yard sale in the their parking lot on July 11th.
- **Berm in RR Park** – Still needs to be removed. Jerry will attempt to contact someone with equipment to remove it.

Adjourn: 6:38 PM