

City of Lowell
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 7, 2014
Lowell City Hall

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

Members Present: Jerry Bjornstad, Hall O'Regan, Jim & Karen Burford, George Wild, Mike Galvin, Judith Rennert, Maggie Osgood, Andrea Larsen, Don Bennett, Pam Bryant and Erma Sloss.

Approval of the minutes for July 3, 2014 – Karen Burford moved to approve minutes from July 3, 2014, seconded by George Wild. Passed by consensus with one typo correction.

Old Business:

- **Thank You to those who volunteered in the Parks:** Chairman Bjornstad thanked the following for their hard work in the parks: Lowell Fire Department, Hall O'Regan, Bob Burr, Jerry Valencia, Jim Burford, Erma Sloss, Don Bennett, Warren Weathers, Bill George, Ken Hern and Dennis Stinson. All your work is greatly appreciated.
- **Update on work at Paul Fisher Park** – Hall O'Regan said the painting of the picnic shelter is $\frac{3}{4}$ way done, the slide was repaired by Jerry B. and himself, he also reported on more vandalism at the bathroom.
- **Update on Rolling Rock Park/ The Bridge** - Chairman Bjornstad reported the work on the gazebo has been completed, picnic benches were pressure washed and repaired, mulch was placed and tree's trimmed up to about 8 ft. off the ground. Concerns were voiced about the tree's on the east side of the park, on private property causing a visual hazard for the school bus drivers. Jerry will follow up on it. The Fire Department hosed down the sidewalks, under the gazebo's, stage, Lowell sign and The Bridge.

New Business:

- **Park Plan Document** – Still in need of sending out copies to members. More discussion on adding a basketball court.
- **Caboose** – George Wild stated the caboose is in need of repairs to the siding. Discussion on contacting Weyerhaeuser for assistance.
- **Donation of land from the Nelson's** – Discussion about offer made last month by Mia Nelson in regards to donation of land to the City. Concerns about the maintenance, fire issues and decreasing the taxable income if it were donated were noted.

Other Business:

- **George Wild motion to repair the decorative street light in Rolling Rock Park, Karen Burford seconded.** Discussion on cost of repair to be approximately \$435. **PASS by consensus. 2 abstaining – Jim Burford and Judith Rennert.**
- Mike Galvin reported he spoke with Todd Bodell after the BBJ and was told a 50 amp breaker is needed for the stage. It is estimated that the project should not exceed \$100. **Mike Galvin move to purchase plug, breaker, conduit and wire, not to exceed \$100, Don Bennett seconded.** **PASS by consensus. 2 abstaining – Jim Burford and Judith Rennert.**
- Hall O'Regan presented information on purchasing security surveillance camera's for the parks. He feels something needs to be done to deter vandalism. Discussion followed, more research is needed into how many, type and where to mount them. Also what would be the follow up on an occurrence? It was suggested to have a professional assessment done, George Wild will contact a security company for an estimate.
- It was noted mulch is needed at Paul Fisher Park around the playground equipment. Hall & Jerry B. will investigate and bring information back to the next meeting.

It was noted that CA Lee had requested the Park Advisory Committee to consider moving the meeting to an earlier night of the week, so he could attend. Discussion followed and Jerry B. will visit with Mr. Lee about it.

Adjourn: 7:00 PM