

City of Lowell
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Lowell City Hall
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jerry Bjornstad, Kathy Hern, Jim Burford, Karen Burford, Hall O'Regan, Pam Bryant, Warren Weathers, Maureen Weathers, Bob Burr, Bill George, Maggie Osgood, Lonna Bennett, Don Bennett, Ruth George, George Wild, Don Swain, Julie Swain, Melody Knokey, Judith Rennert, Andrea Larsen.

Approval of the minutes- George Wild motion to approve minutes of March 6, 2014, seconded by Karen Burford.
Passed by consensus.

Old Business:

- **Opening of Park Restrooms** - after discussion **Bob Burr** motioned to open the park bathrooms tomorrow 4-4-14, seconded by **Lonna Bennett**. Passed by consensus.
- **Rebuilding of picnic shelter in Paul Fisher Park, and repair to the gazebo at Rolling Rock Park** - Following discussion, it was agreed upon to start repair on the picnic shelter at Paul Fisher Park on Monday 4-7-14 at 10 AM. Volunteers: Jerry Bjornstad, Melody Knokey, Bob Burr, Andrea Larsen and Hall O'Regan. Discussion that the gazebo may require a building permit prior to doing work on it, J. Bjornstad will contact City and inquire.
- **Swings at Paul Fisher Park-** Hall O'Regan voiced concern about the north side of the swings lifting up when big kids swing when the ground is dry. Jerry Bjornstad stated that he and CA Hamilton checked, and at this time they were sound but will reevaluate them when the ground dries.
- **Lights in Rolling Rock Park** - need someone to evaluate and repair lights.
- **Tree stump in Paul Fisher Park** - after discussion members will attempt to locate someone that could assist in the removal of the stump.

New Business: 6:26 PM

- **Alcohol restriction in the Parks** - following much discussion, **Lonna Bennett** motioned to recommend to the Council, 'No drinking of alcoholic beverages allowed in any of the parks except by a waiver from the City for special events', seconded by **Bill George**.
PASS 15:2 Abstained Jim Burford, Judith Rennert and Melody Knokey

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- **Smoking in Parks** - after discussion, **George Wild** moved to recommend to the Council, 'To have smoking in designated areas only, in the parks', seconded by **Bill George**.
PASS 17:0 Abstained Jim Burford, Judith Rennert and Melody Knokey

Other Business:

- **Grass Mowing** - Following discussion, recommendation for CA Hamilton to hire summer groundskeeper as soon as possible. The need to have the parks mowed prior to the regatta on the 12th of April was discussed.
- **Annual Park Clean Up Day** - Discussed and decided on May 3, with a rain out day of May 10, 2014. Maureen Weathers will post the date in 'The Bridge'.
- **Future Planning** - Jerry Bjornstad would like the committee to strategically plan for the youth of our community in the future. Thoughts about a recreation facility was mentioned.
- **Comments:** Bob Burr questioned if the promotion of the BBJ by the U of O students may be a conflict with what the Economic Development Committee is doing?

Adjourn: 7:25 PM