

**City of Lowell
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 2022
Maggie Osgood Library**

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M. by Chair Hall O'Regan

Committee Members Present: Hall O'Regan, George Wild, Joe Brazil, Shannon Fassbender,
Staff Present: Max Baker, Public Works Director

Approval of Agenda – Agenda approved by Hall O'Regan, second by George Wild. PASS 4:0
Approval 3/3/2022, Minutes - approved by Joe Brazil, second Hall O'Regan. PASS 4:0

Committee Member Tony Moreci came late at 7:07 PM

New Business:

Paul Fisher Park – Shade tree program and canvas shade structures

Public Works director Max Baker offered information regarding the species that were agreed upon and the plan for planting grouping of purchased trees but six trees at a time. Mentioned that price per tree being \$600-700 as previously discussed. Using a notebook at the City Hall, the Bridge, in social media, and fliers to show the options. We anticipate multiple trees being purchased before the end of this budget, but the city did put money in the anticipated budget for tree planting.

- Maureen Weathers spoke about purchasing five dogwood trees in memorial of her husband Warren and to possibly place benches for a grove like setting and adding a bench to the setting as well.

Discussed finalizing on the landscaper decision once the quotes come back. Max will give more information when they have more information.

Talked about opportunities for all to assist in purchasing a tree by donating in groups or making a general donation towards the program but not to specify a specific tree.

Discussed monuments and/or how to identify the individual memorial trees and what that may look like, decided to talk about this more once they are further along in the planting.

Parks Cleanup Day—

Usually, the first Saturday in May, as this will be in a few days this will not be available. Talked about choosing June 4th with a back-up date of June 11th. From 9-1pm with a possible BBQ afterwards. Meeting at Paul Fisher Park with the Volunteers

- Chairman O'Regan appointed Tony to take measurements of the benches and picnic tables for supplies to be ordered to start the repairs.

Max went over what the previous beautification day entailed – weeding city hall, the planter boxes and the playground with the ADA chips, the planter strips the two center medians on Pioneer and on Moss and Rolling Rock Park the barked area around the bathrooms and in the

planter rounds. Usually, someone donates flowers or bark to be planted to make it look nice. There have also been special specific projects. Once they overhauled the Post office, weeded and re-barked, trimmed the bushes. It turned out nice. We should make a finalized project list of our goals to get completed at the meeting just before the fourth.

Other Business:

Yard of the month—

Discussed the process for restarting the Yard of the Month, last done in June 2018, and what the criteria was for acknowledging as it was a big success.

Yard of the Month discussion for June 2, 2022, Meeting

Caboose in Rolling Rock Park—

Repairing and repainting the Caboose. Clean and paint for this year but it really needs to be resided to preserve it and maintain for a large overhaul in the future. It would cost about \$500.00 for the paint. Look for grants or funding for the much more extensive preservation.

Causeway safety—

George had experienced some sketchy activity in the evening while shutting the gate at the bridge interpretive center. The lighting is not quite adequate for the cameras to clearly see what is going on. Max stated that he has called on the lights multiple times.

Vandalism—

The weather has definitely helped to keep the vandalism at bay. In the 22-23 budget we asked for money in the Parks SDC funds to fund the bathrooms to make the bathrooms more vandalism proof with stainless steel facilities.


Adjourn: 7:50 P.M.

Approved:


Dan O'Regan – Chair

Joseph Buzal – Chair

Attest:


Jeremy Caudle – City Recorder