



Present: John Linnehan – Chairman
Tom Caunter – Member
Keith Rudy – Member
Kah Ndi – Member
Melissa Morales – Member
Jeff Lesniak – Parks Superintendent

Lowell Board of Parks
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

DATE: **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

TIME: **6:00PM**

LOCATION: **Mayor’s Reception Room**, 375 Merrimack St. 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

The Shedd Park will be closed for construction starting January 1 through May 15, 2026

1.) Jen Mahoney-Brum -

Requesting to address the board of parks in regard to some concerns with the ongoing construction at Father Maguires Park as well as the usage of Jan Mahoney Softball Field which is dedicated to her late mother

DISCUSSION: Jen Mahoney-Brum expressed her concerns about the construction at Father Maguires Park and the impact it has on her mother's monument

Board of parks members explained to her that the process was done wrong, but it is not their jurisdiction to oversee park construction and referred Jen Mahoney-Brum to a city council meeting

2.) Albanese D&S Inc

Requesting permission to utilize Hovey Park as part of the City of Lowell Centralville Area Sewer Separation Project. The park will serve as a temporary staging area for equipment and materials necessary to complete the project over the next 2-2.5 years. The team will ensure that all activities comply with city regulations and that the park is restored to its original condition upon project completion.

DISCUSSION: The contractor is looking to start staging asap. They will not affect the playground area. Keith Rudy suggested reaching out to the law department and having a legal contract written up and be sure that they have liability insurance

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to adjourn this item until February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Tom Caunter

VOTE: 5-0

3.) Peter Faticanti - Lowell Recreation Summer Programs

A.) **Scullin Park - Greenspace**

June 17 - August 14, 2026

Monday – Friday

8am-4pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the dates and times with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Tom Caunter

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Lowell Recreation Summer Programs
Gage Field - Basketball Court
Gage Field - Gage I & II
Gage Field - Gage Tennis Courts I & II
Gage Field - Martin "Mickey" Finn Little League Baseball Field
Gage Field - Volleyball Court
Gage Field - Whalen Senior League Baseball Field
Highland Park - Basketball Courts I, II & III
Highland Park - Bob Vigeant Instructional T-Ball Field
Highland Park - Deck Hockey Rink
Highland Park - DeCosta Field
Highland Park - Loucraft Field
Highland Park – Pickle Ball Court
LeBlanc Park - Joseph McNamara Little League Field
LeBlanc Park - LeBlanc Soccer Field
LeBlanc Park - Ronald H LeBlanc Baseball Field
Pawtucket Memorial Park – Ronald Montbleau Little League Baseball Field
Donahue Park – Basketball Court
Donahue Park – Little League Baseball/Softball Field
Shedd Park - Cahill-Perrin Little League Field
Shedd Park – Cross Country Track
Shedd Park - Edward F Finnegan Basketball Court
Shedd Park – Elmer P. Rynne Tennis Court I, II, III, IV, V, VI
Shedd Park – Gresco Baseball Field
Shedd Park - Krysiak Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts on Boylston St. Courts I & II
Shedd Park - Pavilion
Shedd Park - Picnic Area I-In Front of Pyne School
Shedd Park - Tennis Backboard I & II
Shedd Park - Robert G. Gallagher Little League Field
Shedd Park - Tennis Backboard I & II
Shedd Park – Track
June 30 - August 14, 2026
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the dates and times with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Tom Caunter

VOTE: 5-0

4.) Daisy Delgado – Scholarship Event

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Saturday June 6, 2026

11am-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block x2= \$100
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x2 = \$300
Total Fee = \$400

If construction at Shedd is not complete, this could be affected

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested with adult fee waive. \$300 total fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

5.) Hetal Patel – Cricket Games

A.) Adult Cricket

Hovey Field

Saturdays May 9 – October 24, 2026

8am-4pm

Except July 4, 2026

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x96 = \$2400

Total Fee = \$2400

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Youth Cricket

Hovey Field

May 4 – October 27, 2026

Mondays & Tuesdays

5pm-7pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

C.) Youth Cricket

Unable to request

Hovey Field

May 1- October 31, 2026

Thursdays

5pm-7pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

Request was submitted by another group

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

6.) Tara Perry – Craft Fair

A.) **Fort Hill Park - Greenspace**

Saturday June 6, 2026

9am-5pm

Saturday June 11, 2026 9am-5pm
Saturday August 15, 2026 9am-5pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x12 = 300

Total Fee = \$300

MOTION MADE BY: Keth Rudy to approve the dates and time as requested with \$300 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Rain Dates

Fort Hill Park - Greenspace

Sunday June 7, 2026 9am-5pm

Sunday June 12, 2026 9am-5pm

Sunday August 16, 2026 9am-5pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x12 = \$300

Total Fee = \$300

MOTION MADE BY: Keth Rudy to approve the dates and time as requested with \$300 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

7.) Sabeeh Ehsan – Cricket Games

A.) Adult Cricket

Hovey Field

Saturday April 25, 2026 8am-6pm

Saturday May 2, 2026 8am-6pm

Sundays April 26 - October 25, 2026 8am-6pm

Sunday May 24, 2026 10am-12pm

Sunday July 5, 2025 9am-11am

Sunday September 6, 2026 9am-1pm

Sunday October 18, 2026 10am-12pm

Sunday October 25, 2026 10am-12pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x121 = \$3025

Total Fee = \$3025

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Adult Cricket

Hovey Field

Saturdays April 11, 18, 2026

Sundays April 12, 18, 2026 10am-12pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x4 = \$100

Total Fee = \$100

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

C.) Youth Cricket

Hovey Field

Wednesdays April 22 – September 2, 2026

5:30pm-7:30pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

C.) **Unable to request**

Adult Cricket

Hovey Field

Saturdays May 9, 16, 23, 2026

8am-6pm

Saturdays September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

8am-6pm

Saturdays October 3, 10, 2026

9am-5pm

Saturday May 30, 2026

12pm-6pm

Saturdays June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

12pm-6pm

Saturdays July 11, 18, 25, 2026

12pm-6pm

Saturdays August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

12pm-6pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x82 = \$2050

Total Fee = \$2050

Request was submitted by another group

Requesting to have the same dates and time as previous years

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

8.) Katie Doherty – Field Trip

A) **Shedd Park - Pavilion**

Wednesday June 10, 2026

10am-2pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0

Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150

Total Fee = \$150

This is a Lowell Public School event, a custodian should be on site

Requesting Splash Pad to be opened

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested and have parks department open the splash pad with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Rain Date

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Friday June 12, 2026

10am-2pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0

Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150

Total Fee = \$150

This is a Lowell Public School event, a custodian should be on site

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MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested and have parks department open the splash pad with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

9.) Cheryl Saba – Concession Stand

Father Maguire - Concession Stand

July 1 – September 1, 2026

Sunday – Saturday

8am-10pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Jah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

10.) Catherine Fiorino – Immaculate Conception School Field Day (Weather Permitting)

Cawley Stadium - Track

Tuesday June 9, 2026

8am-12pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0

Total Fee = \$0

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested and have parks department open the splash pad with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

11.) Samuel Smith – Recreational Activities; Soccer, Kickball, Exercise

A.) Youth Activities

Hovey Field

May 21 – December 31, 2026

Thursdays & Fridays

5pm-7pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Hovey Field

Adults Activities

Saturdays May 23 – December 25, 2026

5pm-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x32 = \$800

Total Fee = \$800

This would be affected by the wastewater project

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to table this item to February's meeting

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

- 12.) Levi Tankersley – Greater Lowell Inc. Girls Flag Football Tournament
Cawley Stadium - Alumni Field
Saturday March 14, 2026 10am-6pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x2 = \$300
Total Fee = \$300

DISCUSSION: Failed to appear, request was declined

- 13.) Blanca Munos – Soccer
A.) **Stoklosa - Basketball Court III**
Saturdays and Sundays
March 14 – October 31, 2026 4pm-8pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00
Total Fee = \$0

DISCUSSION: Failed to appear, request was declined

- B.) **Stoklosa - Multipurpose Field**
Sundays March 14 – October 25, 2026 4pm-6pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00
Total Fee = \$0

DISCUSSION: Failed to appear, request was declined

- 14.) Jhonnatha Cheam (Clemente Park Committee) - Yearly Park Use/Maintenance of Park
Clemente Park - Pailin Volleyball Courts I - VII
Clemente Park - Basketball Courts I & II & III
Clemente Park - Concession Stand
April 01 - October 31, 2026
Sunday - Saturday 7am-9pm
This fee is typically waived by the board of parks

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times for Volleyball Courts and Concession Stand for \$0 fee and declined the basketball courts

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

- 15.) Evan Millett – Lowell Youth Lacrosse
Cawley Stadium – Carvalho Soccer Field
Sundays April 19 – June 14, 2026 8am-4pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x18 = \$2700
Total Fee = \$2700

Requester is also looking for April 12 which is permitted by another group

DISCUSSION: Previous permitted April 12 permit was released so Lowell Youth Lacrosse could use this field. No longer need May 24

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested with \$2700 fee
SECONDED BY: Kay Ndi **VOTE: 5-0**

- 16.) Igor Monteiro – Santa Cruz Semi Pro Soccer Games/Practices
Edwards St Park – Edward J Walsh Youth Soccer Complex
April 13 – August 7, 2026
Monday – Friday 9am-11am
Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x85 = \$2125
Total Fee = \$2125

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the dates and times as requested
DISCUSSION: The board of parks suggested to have the requester reach out to Lowell Youth Soccer and make sure that they are okay with adults using this space in the spring when the fields may still not be ready to play on.
Keith Rudy withdrew his motion

- 17.) Danny Graham - Lowell Jr. and Sr. Legion + Northeast Baseball
Cawley Stadium – Alumni Field
June 29 – August 7, 2026
Monday – Friday (Except July 3) 4pm-8pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x2 = \$300
Total Fee = \$300
If custodian is present fee may be waived

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the dates and times as requested with no fee
SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi **VOTE: 5-0**

- 18.) Rita Agostinelli – Bernas Great Leg 5k Road Race
Cawley Stadium – Track
Thursday July 16, 2026 5pm-9pm
Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block = \$50
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$200

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the dates and times as requested with no fee
SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi **VOTE: 5-0**

- 19.) Florence Thomas – Cookout
Shedd Park - Pavilion
Saturday July 18, 2026 2pm-6pm
Non-Resident Adult Fee \$200/4hr block = \$200
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$350

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested while waiving the adult fee, making the total fee \$150 **VOTE: 5-0**

- 20.) Augusta Yarteh – Graduation Cookout
Shedd Park – Pavilion
 Saturday May 23, 2026 5pm-9pm
Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block = \$50
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$200

If construction at Shedd is not complete, this could be affected

DISCUSSION: Failed to appear, request was declined

- 21.) Sally Coulter – Democratic Party Picnic
Shedd Park - Pavilion
 Sunday August 2, 2026 4pm-8pm
Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block = \$50
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$200

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested with \$200 fee

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy VOTE: 5-0

- 22.) Nina Silva – Saint Michaels School Field Day
 A.) **Shedd Park – Cahill-Perrin Little league Field**
Shedd Park – Gallagher Little League Field
Shedd Park – Basketball Court
Shedd Park – Gresco Baseball Field
Shedd Park – Track
Shedd Park – Pavilion 8am-4pm
 Tuesday June 2, 2026 8am-2pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x2 = \$300
Total Fee = \$300

This is a school event, if custodian is present fee may be waived

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the date and time as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi VOTE: 5-0

- B.) Rain date
Shedd Park – Cahill-Perrin Little league Field
Shedd Park – Gallagher Little League Field
Shedd Park – Basketball Court
Shedd Park – Gresco Baseball Field
Shedd Park – Track
Shedd Park – Pavilion 8am-4pm
 Wednesday June 3, 2026 8am-2pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x2 = \$300
Total Fee = \$300

This is a school event, if custodian is present fee may be waived

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the date and time as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

23.) Halie Dupell – Community Easter Egg Hunt

Tyler Park – Greenspace

Sunday April 5, 2026

11am-1pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Tom Caunter

VOTE: 5-0

24.) Savannah Amaral – Community Outreach

A.) South Common – Basketball Court

Friday April 17, 2026

4pm-8pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$100/2hr block x2 = \$200

Total Fee = \$200

MOTION MADE BY: Kah Ndi to approve the date and time as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

B.) Hadley Park – Basketball Court

Saturday April 25, 2026

11am-3pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$100/2hr block x2 = \$200

Total Fee = \$200

MOTION MADE BY: Kah Ndi to approve the date and time as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

25.) Maria Claudio – Games Practices and Tournaments

North Common – 50/70 Baseball Field

Mondays Thursdays Fridays

April 18 – September 6, 2026

5pm-9pm

Saturdays & Sundays

1pm-3pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the request through June 30 with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Tom Caunter

VOTE: 5-0

26.) Jannah Peters-Beedoe – Youth Conference

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Saturday June 27, 2026

2pm-6pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0/4hr block = \$0

Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150

Total Fee = \$150

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested with \$150 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

27.) Gabriel Sanchez – Religious Service

North Common - Stage

Sundays

May 31, 2026

5pm-7pm

June 28, 2026

5pm-7pm

July 26, 2026

5pm-7pm

August 30, 2026

5pm-7pm

September 27, 2026

5pm-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x5 = \$125

Total Fee = \$125

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve the date and time as requested with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0

28.) Samantha Wilson – Birthday Party

Shedd Park – Picnic Area I In Front of Pyne School

Saturday May 23, 2026

2pm-4pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00

Total Fee = \$0

DISCUSSION: Failed to appear, request was declined

29.) Elfreda Jackson – Liberia Awareness

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Saturday August 22, 2026

3pm-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block = \$50

Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150

Total Fee = \$200

MOTION MADE BY: Kah Ndi to approve the date and time as requested with \$150 fee

SECONDED BY: Keith Rudy

VOTE: 5-0

30.) Discuss November and December 2026 board of parks meetings

Mayors Reception Room will not be available to us for November and December

DISCUSSION: The board of parks is not willing to cancel these meetings until closer to the end of the year in case something comes up that needs to be discussed.

DISCUSSION: Jeff Lesniak made the board of parks aware that MASS DOT will be using the parking lot at Manning and Ventura Field for staging that will be needed for the upcoming Gorham St bridge project. This will only be in the parking lot from February 2nd until March 2nd

MOTION MADE BY: Keith Rudy to approve staging in the parking lot at Manning and Ventura Fields

SECONDED BY: Tom Caunter

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Tom Caunter at 8:17pm
SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 5-0