

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ORGANIZATION: **BOARD OF PARKS**
DATE: **WEDNESDAY July 27, 2022**
TIME: **6:00PM**
LOCATION: **CITY HALL**
375 Merrimack St.
MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
LOWELL, MA 01852
AGENDA
recreation@lowellma.gov

Meeting called to order: 6:02pm

Members in attendance:

Ryan Rourke, Member

Melissa Desroches, Member

Keith Rudy, Member

Item 1 – Robin Brown (Recovery Coach Learning Community-Northeast) – Recovery Event

South Common – Purtell Multipurpose Field

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

2pm-6pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2 hr block = \$0

- Rita Mercier represented for Robin Brown. August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. This event will be organized by their Community planners. There will be opening remarks from the Mayor and moments of silence for people who lost their lives to overdose. They will also have food (charcoal grilling only, if plans to grill), music, arts, stories to share, balloon releasing, offering/providing services to the community, and end with closing remarks.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request at no fee.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 2 – Peter Faticanti (Lowell Recreation Department) – Tennis Tournament / Flag Football

- A) **Shedd Park – Elmer P. Rynne Tennis Courts I, II, III, IV, V, VI**
Shedd Park – Krysiak Courts on Boylston St. Courts I & II
Fridays September 16 and 23, 2022 2pm-8pm
Saturdays September 17 and 24, 2022 8am-8pm
Sundays September 18 and 25, 2022 8am-8pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block
- B) **Anne Dean Welcome Regatta Festival Field – Multipurpose Field**
October 3 – October 26, 2022 (Mondays & Wednesdays) 5pm-9pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block
- C) **Scullin Park – Greenspace**
October 3 – October 26, 2022 (Mondays & Wednesdays) 5pm-9pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block
- D) **Gage Field – Whalen Senior League Baseball Field**
October 3 – October 26, 2022 (Mondays & Wednesdays) 4pm-8pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block
- E) **Reilly School Community Playground – Field**
October 3 – October 26, 2022 (Mondays & Wednesdays) 4pm-8pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block
- F) **Stoklosa School Park – Multipurpose Field**
October 4 – October 27, 2022 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 5pm-9pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the requests at no fee.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 3 – The Board needs to determine a fee for the Gil Vigeant Softball tournament permits.

- Tom Caunter determined and submitted a proposed total fee of \$17,200 to the Board based on the total number of dates/hours for Gil's permits. The Board voted to approve the fee 3-0.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the proposed fee of \$17,200.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 4 – Sara Tremblay – Private Party

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Saturday, September 10, 2022

4pm-8pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 2 = \$50

Custodial Fee \$120/4 hour = \$120

Total Fee = \$170

This will be back to back with a previously approved event.

- This event will be for a baby shower. They will probably bring prepared food, but were told if they plan to grill that it must be charcoal grill, no propane. Shannon said there was an ash barrel on site to dispose coals afterwards.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request for a fee of \$170.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 5 – Tyler Rutledge (*Professional Barbers of Lowell*) – Promotional/Fundraising Event

Bourgeois Park – Basketball Court

Saturday, September 24, 2022

1pm-3pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block = \$25

They already have a previously approved permit from 3pm-7pm. They need the additional 2 hours for event set up.

- Quinn Dillon (Co-Director) represented for Tyler. This will be a competitive eating competition. There will be raffles/prizes, food trucks and a vendor market. All proceeds will go to Lowell's House of Hope. People can sign up to enter the competition at www.foodfightlowell.com.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for a fee of \$25.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 6 – Bonnie McIsaac (*Lowell Philharmonic*)

Requesting refund/account credit for canceled permit on July 5, 2022 for \$170.00.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for a credited fee of \$170.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 7 – David Surprenant – Wedding

Shedd Park – Picnic Area I – In Front of Pyne School

Saturday, October 22, 2022

12pm-4pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$100.00/2hr block X 2 = \$200

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The requestor did not show so the request was DECLINED.

Item 8 – James O’Keefe (UTec) – Family Event

Oliveria Park – Oliveria Little League Field

Monday, August 8, 2022

4pm-8pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 2 = \$50

- This will be for a family fun event with raffles and a bouncy house. They will be giving away fresh produce, backpacks and school supplies. They will also be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs (charcoal grill only), and having popcorn and cotton candy. The Board asked James how he feels about Oliveria Park’s condition, and James said the field looks good. The Board discussed waiving the fee.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request at no fee.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 9 – Emily Rolon – Vote to amend previously approved permit

Emily has a previously approved permit at Shedd Pavilion for August 6, 2022 from 12-4p, which is paid in full (including a custodian fee). They will need access to power/electricity. One of the vendors is inquiring about getting a grill for the event, so Emily would like to add that in addition to her permit.

The requestor did not show so the request was DECLINED.

Item 10 – Alousious Wennah (Unda Konstruktion) – Community Building Basketball Tournament

A) Father Maguire Playground – Basketball Courts I, II and III

Sunday, August 21, 2022

1pm-5pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 6 = \$150

B) Father Maguire Playground – Basketball Court I

Sunday, August 21, 2022

5pm-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block = \$25

Total Fee for A + B = \$175

- This will be for a 16+ basketball tournament. There will be cash rewards for winners, donations, music and food (charcoal grilling only). College athletes will be involved as well.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for a fee of \$175.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 11 – Darcie Coleman – Girls on the Run Program

McPherson Park – Basketball Court I

Tuesdays Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

2pm-4pm

Thursdays Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2022

2pm-4pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2 hr block X 19 = \$0

- Darcie is a Social Worker for Lowell Public Schools. Darcie thanked the Parks department for making playgrounds wheelchair accessible through renovations, and the Recreation department for the summer employment opportunities and great programs they offer. Girls on the run is a program to teach 3-4 graders to use running as a coping skill and develop healthy relationship skills. They would also like to use the Greenspace around the basketball courts as well, the Board approved.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for no fee.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 12 – Rose Tune (*Lowell Pop Warner*) – Lowell Pop Warner Football Practice

A) Cawley Memorial Stadium Complex – William J. Desmond Jr. Field

August 1 – October 26, 2022 (Monday – Thursday)

6pm-10pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2 hr block = \$0

Light Fee \$100.00/4hr block X 44 = \$4,400

Per Shannon Cohan, a custodian should be on site until 10pm.

PREVIOUSLY WAIVED FEE IN THE PAST.

B) Cawley Memorial Stadium Complex – Machado Field

Sundays September 18, 25, October 16, 23, 2022

8am-4pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2 hr block = \$0

Custodial Fee \$120/4 hour X 8 = \$960

Total Fee for A + B = \$5,360

The requestor did not show so the request was DECLINED.

Item 13 – Joseph Bova – Flag Football

A) Anne Dean Welcome Regatta Festival Field – Multipurpose Field

September 4 – November 27, 2022 (Sundays) 9am-3pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$100.00/2hr block X 3 = \$300/day

\$300/day X 13 days = Total Fee \$3,900

B) Koumantzelis Park – Koumantzelis Multipurpose Field

September 4 – November 27, 2022 (Sundays) 9am-3pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$100.00/2hr block X 3 = \$300/day

\$300/day X 13 days = Total Fee \$3,900

C) Cawley Memorial Stadium Complex – Machado Field

September 4 – November 27, 2022 (Sundays) 9am-1pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$400.00/4 hr block X 13 = \$5,200

Custodial Fee \$120/4 hour X 13 = \$1,560

Total Fee = \$6,760

~~THIS ITEM CONFLICTS WITH (4) DATES IN ITEM #11.~~

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$400.00/4 hr block X 9 = \$3,600

Custodial Fee \$120/4 hour X 13 = \$1,080

Total Fee = \$4,680

- Joseph started his own Flag football league consisting of 150+ players. It's a friendly league and they're on their 3rd season in. He submitted multiple areas so the Board can determine the best location for their games, as they need enough space to accommodate two flag fields. He visited the fields and said although Regatta is more unlevelled than he'd like, that it might be the best location based on space and parking. He asked the Board if people would be able to park at the smaller greenspace next to Regatta Field, as they do for carnivals, the Board approved. They would've liked Cawley Stadium, but would like to avoid date conflicts and the cost as they have other things they also pay for such as refs, videotaping the games, etc. Joseph moved out of Lowell six months ago but said majority of the players are Lowell residents and asked the Board to consider charging them a resident fee instead. The Board discussed reducing the fee to the Resident rate.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for Regatta Festival Field for a reduced fee of \$975.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 14 – Amanda Dixon – Birthday Party

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Saturday, August 6, 2022 6pm-10pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 2 = \$50

Custodial Fee \$120/4 hour = \$120

Total Fee = \$170

The requestor did not show so the request was DECLINED.

Item 15 – Camila Lopez (*Alternative House*) – World Peace Balloon Releasing/Seeds for Peace Event

Fort Hill Park – Greenspace

Monday, August 15, 2022

5pm-7pm

Thursday, August 18, 2022 (*Rain date*)

5pm-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 2= \$50

PREVIOUSLY WAIVED FEE LAST MONTH.

The Alternative House had a previously approved permit for July 12th, 2022 for no fee, but due to weather changes, the event was canceled. This event will allow the Lowell Community to unite and send peaceful messages out into the world.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request for no fee.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 16 – Senghoun Mann – Daughter’s 2nd Birthday Party

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Sunday, September 4, 2022

1pm-5pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 2 = \$50

Custodial Fee \$120/4 hour = \$120

Total Fee = \$170

- Tarak represented for Senghoun. This will be for their daughter’s 2nd birthday. They plan to have prepared food (if not, charcoal grill only) and 20-25 people. Inquired about the splash pad being on that day and Shannon said yes.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for a fee of \$170.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 17 – Caroline Snow (*Solidarity Lowell*) – Meet and Greet with Local Candidates

A) North Common – Handball Court

Saturday, August 27, 2022

12pm-6pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 3 = \$75

B) North Common – Carney Softball Field

Sunday, August 28, 2022

12pm-6pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 3 = \$75

The requestor did not show so the request was DECLINED.

Item 18 – Ximena Valencia – Small get together

Muldoon Park – Gazebo

Saturday, September 3, 2022

2pm-6pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 2 = \$50

Ximena’s close friend is getting married and moving to Lowell. This will be for a small gathering for friends/family to meet her and her husband.

- Caleb Rivera represented for Ximena.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request for a fee of \$50.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 19 – Charles Oyimuke – Community Gathering

North Common – Stage

Saturday, September 17, 2022

2pm-10pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$100.00/2hr block X 4 = \$400

This will be a family friendly community gathering to help bring different diverse groups together to celebrate different cultures as they engage in fun activities, games and music.

- The idea for this event came up during Harry Kkonde’s vigil. Charles thanked the City of Lowell for being there and showing support after that tragic event. Keith suggested looking into getting a porta potty for the event, as North Common won’t have bathroom facilities because the City Council voted to renovate them and they won’t be ready by September. Ryan suggested reaching out to the Transfiguration Church to see if they’ll allow access to their space’s bathrooms for a community event. Charles also inquired about a police detail for 300+ people, they directed him to contact the Police Department. Plan on bringing prepared food (charcoal grill if they decide to grill). The Board discussed waiving the fee.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request for no fee.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 20 – Hetal Patel

Requesting account credit for the following canceled dates at Hovey Field for \$350.00.

Saturdays July 16, 23, August 6, 2022

8am-12pm

Sundays July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2022

8am-12pm

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for a credited fee of \$350.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 21 – Johnson Prak (EAST Movement) – Fundraising Basketball Event

Stoklosa School Park – Basketball Court I

Sunday, August 21, 2022

10am-4pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0

- This will be for a school supplies giveaway. There will be basketball games and fundraising for school supplies.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request for no fee.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 22 – Dan Graham (Lowell Northeast Baseball) – Playoff Games

Cawley Memorial Stadium Complex – Alumni Field

Thursday, July 28, 2022

5pm-9pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/4hr block = \$0

- The Board discussed giving approval for LNB to work with the Board of Parks Secretary and Shannon Cohan on additional playoff dates outside of the BOP meeting.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve the request for no fee.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 23 – Jeffrey Pomerantz (*Girls Junior Roller Derby*) – Vote to amend previously approved permit

Shannon informed us that there are actually no lights at Highland Park Basketball courts. Jeffrey will continue using Highland Park through the end of July. The Board needs to vote to move locations to McPherson Basketball courts 1 & 2 for the remaining dates in August and September (6-10pm) so they can have lights that work.

Motion was made by Melissa Desroches to approve moving the permit location for August and September to McPherson Basketball courts.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Item 24 – Paula Gouveia (*Lowell Housing Authority*) – Health & Wellness Fair

Mulligan Park – Basketball Court

Saturday, August 20, 2022

10am-2pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2 hr block X 2 = \$0

This will be a Health & Wellness fair for the youth (5-18) who live in public housing, hosted by the Lowell Housing Authority.

- Shannon Cohan represented for Paula. LHA is hosting an event for youth who live in low-income public housing in Lowell. There will be 17 youth orgs and public service departments representing tables at the event. There will also be food, music, a balloon artist, face painters and a magician. LPD, LFD and Trinity ambulance will be there with vehicles for the kids as well.

Motion was made by Keith Rudy to approve the request for no fee.

Motion was seconded by Melissa Desroches.

Approved Unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Melissa Desroches.

Motion was seconded by Keith Rudy.

Approved Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05pm