LOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – GRAND RIVER ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Perry Beachum and roll was called.

Members Present: Perry Beachum, Paula Mierendorf, Theresa Mundt and Susan Pomper

Members Absent: Greg Canfield

Others Present: Dan Czarnecki, Alexis Garbo (MSU Extension), Mike Burns (left 6:25 p.m.) and Luanne Wisniewski

IT WAS MOVED BY MIERENDORF and seconded by POMPER to excuse the absence of Commissioner Greg Canfield.

YES:	4.	NO:	0.	ABSENT:	1.	MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT and seconded by POMPER to approve the agenda moving Old Business b. Unity High Update to New Business a. and New Baseball Team to New Business b. due to Mike Burns preparing for the Council meeting following Parks.

YES:	4.	NO:	0.	ABSENT:	1.	MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT and seconded by POMPER to approve the minutes from December 17, 2019 as written.

YES:	4.	NO:	0.	ABSENT:	1.	MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT

By consensus, the commissioners approved the financial report.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **UNITY SCHOOL UPDATE**

Burns informed the commissioners 238 High Street is scheduled for a closing January 28th with Unity Schools Investors, LLC. The issue with the 6' of Unity School's building being located on City property will be resolved by the City vacating High Street. The vacated property will then be split 50/50, starting 15' South of where the building extended onto City property. Also the City is waiting for the DNR's approval on the land transfer. This will involve 7' by 263' of City property running north-south in front of Unity Schools in exchange for 10' x 50' of land NE of the boat launch. There will also be an easement documented for the issue regarding the buried electric wires south of High Street.

Beachum was concerned the land transfer was not of equal value. He also was concerned about a proposed fence and landscaping. He felt the fence would be helpful in distinguishing property lines and he would like to see the City continuing to maintain the landscaping.

b. **NEW BASEBALL TEAM**

Czarnecki presented a new baseball team, West Michigan Warriors that would like to practice Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings at Recreation Park April through the first week of July.

IT WAS MOVED BY MUNDT and seconded by MEIRENDORF to present Council the new agreement for West Michigan Warriors for their approval.

YES:	4.	NO:	0.	ABSENT:	1.	MOTION CARRIED.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **USER AGREEMENTS – REVIEW CONTRACTS**

Czarnecki suggested we extend all agreements from last year. He will review the agreements and bring the commissioners any changes the City would like to have approved for the 2021 agreements.

Some board members were confused and had questions and objections to the approval of the Lowell Little League agreement without the Park Board's recommendation. At a previous meeting several questions and concerns were discussed regarding the Little League Agreement.

8. **PARKS UPDATE**

a. **Recreation Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

b. **Stoney Lakeside Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

c. **Creekside Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

d. **Richards Park**

No comments were received or discussed on this item.

e. **Upper Bridge, Moose/Rogers, Scout Park**

No comments were received or discussed regarding this item.

f. **Riverwalk Park/Showboat**

No comments were received or discussed regarding this item.

g. **LARA Trails**

No comments were received or discussed regarding this item.

9. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No commissioner comments were received or discussed.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY BEACHUM AT 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Wisniewski