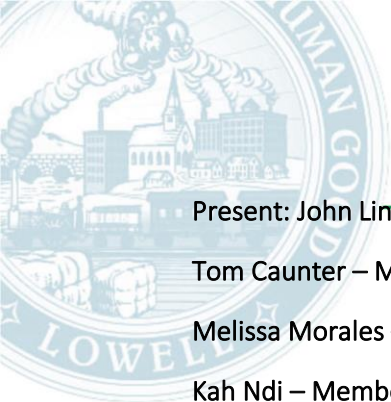




Present: John Linnehan – Chairman

Tom Caunter – Member

Melissa Morales – Member

Kah Ndi – Member 6:45pm

Jeff Lesniak – Parks Superintendent

Meeting called to order: 6:02pm

Lowell Board of Parks *Meeting Minutes*

DATE: **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

TIME: **6:00PM**

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

- 1.) Nicole Dejesus – Birthday Party

Shedd Park Pavilion

Sunday July 26, 2026

12pm-4pm

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

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

Total Fee = \$200

DISCUSSION: Failure to appear, request was declined

- 2.) Jane Calvin – Run for Nature 5k & 10k

Shedd Park Cross Country Track

Shedd Park Pavilion

Sunday September 27, 2026

9am-1pm

Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block x2 = \$100

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

Total Fee = \$250

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the date and time as requested with \$250 fee

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

- 3.) Dolores Sierra – Acre Clean up Rain Date

North Common - Stage

Saturday April 25, 2026

8am-4pm

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

Total Fee = \$0

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

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

- 4.) Ellen Netishen – Moody School “Moody Day”

Fort Hill Park - Greenspace

Thursday June 18, 2026

9am-1pm

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

Total Fee = \$0

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

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

5.) Jose Hernandez – Flag Football

A.) O'Donnell Park – Frank Ryan Senior League Field

April 18 – June 20, 2026

Saturdays

8am-12pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x20 = \$500

Total Fee = \$500

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve that dates and times as requested with \$500 fee

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

B.) O'Donnell Park – Frank Ryan Senior League Field

April 23 – June 25, 2025

Thursdays

6pm-10pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x20 = \$500

Total Fee = \$500

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve that dates and times as requested with \$500 fee

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

C.) O'Donnell Park – Frank Ryan Senior League Field

April 19 – June 21, 2026

Sundays

6pm-10pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x20 = \$500

Total Fee = \$500

This will conflict with annual permit holders. Requester submitted back up request for South Common

DISCUSSION: Requester withdrew request and no longer needs South Common Permit

6.) Makenzie Garcia – 5th Birthday Party

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Sunday July 19, 2026

3pm-8pm

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

Custodial Fee = \$150/4hr block +1hr \$50 = \$200

Total Fee = \$200

Requesting to have a professional, fenced in petting zoo

DISCUSSION: Failure to appear, request was declined

7.) 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

DISCUSSION: The two cricket leagues were able to work together and resolve all conflicts

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve Saturdays 12pm-6pm through July 31

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

B.) Youth Cricket

Hovey Field

May 4 – October 27, 2026

Mondays & Tuesdays , Thursdays & Fridays

5pm-7pm

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 through July 31

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

8.) 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

DISCUSSION: The two cricket leagues were able to work together and resolve all conflicts

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve Sundays 8am-6pm and Saturdays 8am-12pm

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

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

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and time as requested with \$100 fee

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

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

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested through July 31 with \$0 fee

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

D.) **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

DISCUSSION: The two cricket leagues were able to work together and resolve all conflicts

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve Saturdays 8am-12pm through July 31

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

E.) Youth Cricket

Hovey Field

Saturday April 18, 2026

3pm-5pm

Sunday April 18, 2026

3pm-5pm

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

Total Fee = \$0

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

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

9.) Jeffrey Boian – KIDS Baseball

St Louis – Harry Allen Field

May 5 – July 29, 2026

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

6pm-8pm

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: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

- 10.) Jennifer Cody – Community Resource Event

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Saturday June 20, 2026

11am-3pm

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

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

Total Fee = \$150

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested with \$150 fee

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

- 11.) Tinson Lam – Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra Summer Concert

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Sunday June 28, 2026

12pm-4pm

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

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

Total Fee = \$200

Requesting 60+ chairs and 2 tables

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

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

- 12.) Colin Creegan – Ultimate Frisbee

A.) Campbell Senior League Field

May 17 – June 21

Sundays

8pm-10pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x3 = \$75

Total Fee = \$75

This group is looking to permit Ryan field as they have for several years but a request has already been submitted

DISCUSSION: Requester no longer needs as another group withdrew their request for Frank Ryan Senior League Field on these dates

B.) O'Donnell Park – Ryan Senior League Field

June 28 – August 23, 2026

Sundays

7:30pm-9:30pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x8 = \$200

Total Fee = \$200

DISCUSSION: Requester is looking for May 17-June 21 at Frank Ryan Senior League Field

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve all dates including May 17 – June 21 at Ryan Field

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

- 13.) Deborah Johnson – Sullivan Middle School Field Trip

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Shedd Park – Track

Tuesday June 16, 2026

9am-1pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0/2hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee = \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$150

This is a Lowell Public School event, the fee may be waived

DISCUSSION: Requester asked for the bathrooms to be open for this event. Parks superintendent agreed to open them

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

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

14.) Gerald Rudy – Childs Birthday Party

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Saturday June 13, 2026

1pm-5pm

Resident Youth Fee \$0/2hr block = \$0
Custodial Fee = \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$150

DISCUSSION: Requested to have a bounce house

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the date and time as requested

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

15.) Natividad Rodriquez – Baby Shower

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Saturday May 23, 2026

3pm-7pm

Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block = \$50
Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block = \$150
Total Fee = \$200

DISCUSSION: Will have multiple speakers playing music

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the date and time as requested

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

16.) Tara Perry – Craft Fair

Shedd Park - Pavilion

Sunday October 11, 2026

9am-5pm

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

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the date and time as requested

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 4-0

17.) Roman Pradhan – Cricket

Gage Park – Whalen Senior League Field

April 4 – August 29, 2026

Saturdays

7am-11am

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x44 = \$1100
Total Fee = \$1100

DISCUSSION: Failure to appear, request was declined

18.) Gretchen Sanchez –

A.) Creegan Family Night

Durkin Park – T-Ball Field

Thursday May 21, 2026

5pm-7pm

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

Total Fee = \$25

DISCUSSION: This is a Lowell Public School event, the fee is waived

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

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 4-0

B.) Creegan Family Night Rain Date

Durkin Park – T-Ball Field

Friday May 22, 2026

5pm-7pm

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

Total Fee = \$25

DISCUSSION: This is a Lowell Public School event, the fee is waived

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

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 4-0

19.) Tina Suech – Grecian Festival (Represented by Carl)

North Common – Stage

Friday May 29, 2026

3pm-9pm

Saturday May 30, 2026

11am-9pm

Sunday May 31, 2026

11am-5pm

Resident Adult Fee \$25/2hr block x11 = \$275

Total Fee = \$275

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

SECONDED BY: Kah

VOTE: 4-0

20.) Erica Harvey – Special Olympics

Cawley Stadium – Track

March 29 – May 31, 2026

Sundays

2pm-6pm

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

Custodial Fee = \$150/4hr block x9 = \$1350

Total Fee = \$1350

DISCUSSION: This group would like to reconvene at the April meeting to give them time to seek funding

21.) Catherine Apollo – Community Outreach and Gospel Evangelism

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Saturday May 16, 2026

12pm-4pm

Saturday July 11, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday August 1, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday August 8, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday August 29, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday September 5, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday September 19, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday September 26, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday October 3, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday October 17, 2026	12pm-4pm
Saturday November 7, 2026	12pm-4pm

Resident Adult Fee \$50/4hr block x11 = \$550

Custodial Fee \$150/4hr block x11 = \$1650

Total Fee = \$2200

Will be using an amplifier for microphone and will need electricity

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve the dates and times as requested with \$1650 fee

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 4-0

22.) Shirley Pimentel – Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell

Clemente Park – Basketball Court

June 29 – August 14, 2026

Monday – Friday

10am-4pm

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: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 4-0

23.) Jennifer Toribio – Kids Birthday Party

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Sunday June 14, 2026

3pm-7pm

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

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

Total Fee = \$150

DISCUSSION: Failure to appear, request was declined

24.) Betsy Rivera-Garcia – Church Father's Day Cookout and Service

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Sunday June 21, 2026

12pm-4pm

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

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

Total Fee = \$200

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

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 4-0

25.) Jessica Wilson – DPD Community Engagement with Levi Tankersley

A.) St. Louis Park

Saturday April 25, 2026

The Spring Stewardship Event will be the third Saint Louis Sponge Park event, gathering community members to see the latest park amenities (Phase 1 playground) and learn more about stewardship and the history of St Louis Park. The event is partnered with the Lowell Youth Basketball Tournament, which will take place at the park's newly refinished basketball courts.

The project team will share updates about the outdoor classrooms and playground designs, project phasing, and a snapshot of engagement feedback. This event's programming will connect community members to local organizations and bring the park's designs to life. Visitors can enjoy:

- A planting activity on the park's new garden beds
- Educational materials about the ecological benefits and stewardship opportunities of the new park design
- Memories of Our Park exhibit and Story Walk throughout the park
- Activated social spaces with temporary outdoor furniture installations
- Free donuts and lemonade, a live DJ, and swag

This is a city event; there should be no fee

DISCUSSION: No longer working with Levi Tankersley for this event

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

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 4-0

B.) Rain Date

St. Louis Park

Saturday May 2, 2026

This is a city event; there should be no fee

DISCUSSION: No longer working with Levi Tankersley for this event

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

SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi

VOTE: 4-0

26.) Levi Tankersley/Aanchal Chopra –

A.) Basketball Tournament

St. Louis Playground – LeClair Court I

Saturday April 25, 2026

10am-2pm

Tournament Fee are determined by the board of parks

Proposed pending tournament fees;

Non-synthetic fields \$225/day per field = \$225

Total Fee = \$225

DISCUSSION: Requester is no longer working the city on this event and did not appear at meeting, the request was declined

B.) Basketball Tournament

St. Louis Playground – Leclair Court II & III

Saturday April 25, 2026

10am-2pm

Saturday May 2, 2026

10am-2pm

Tournament Fees are determined by the board of parks

Proposed pending tournament fees;

Non-synthetic fields \$225/day per field x4 = \$900

Total Fee = \$900

DISCUSSION: Requester is no longer working the city on this event and did not appear at meeting, the request was declined

27.) Matt LeLacheur – Softball Tournaments

A.) McPherson Park – M1 Farley Softball Field

Fridays July 17, July 31, 2026

8am-8pm

Saturdays May 2, May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13,

June 20, July 4, July 11, July 18, August 1, August 8, 2026

8am-8pm

Sundays May 3, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21,

July 5, July 12, July 19, August 2, August 9, 2026

8am-8pm

Tournament Fees are determined by the board of parks

Proposed pending tournament fees;

Non-synthetic fields \$225/day per field x24 = \$5400

Trash Removal/Disposal fee \$200/day per park x24 = \$4800

Total Fee = \$10,200

Trash fee may be waived if tournament is removing their own trash

DISCUSSION: The board of parks members did not want to vote on this with a member absent. This was tabled until April's meeting

B.) Mcpherson Park – M2 Sweatt Softball Field

Mcpherson Park – M3 Vigeant Softball Field

Fridays July 17, July 31, 2026

4pm-8pm

Saturdays May 2, May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13,

June 20, July 4, July 11, July 18, August 1, August 8, 2026

8am-8pm

Sundays May 3, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21,

July 5, July 12, July 19, August 2, August 9, 2026

8am-8pm

Tournament Fees are determined by the board of parks

Proposed pending tournament fees;

Non-synthetic fields \$225/day per field x48 = \$10,800

Total Fee = \$10,800

DISCUSSION: The board of parks members did not want to vote on this with a member absent. This was tabled until April's meeting

28.) Brendan Casey – Greenhalge Elementary Field Day

McPherson Park – M3 Vigeant Softball Field

Friday June 12, 2026

7am-1pm

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: Kah Ndi **VOTE: 4-0**

29.) Sheila Harrington – Indivisible Lowell

Requesting to have live band perform at the first amendment rally that was previously approved for a park permit on 3/28/26 at Kerouac Park from 11am-5pm. They need an amplification permit and must have it approved by the board of parks before the licensing commission can issue the permit

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to approve having a live band at the No Kings Rally
SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi **VOTE: 4-0**

30.) Installation of LED Athletic lights at Hadley Senior League Field from June 15-July 31.

DISCUSSION: The recreation department made the board of parks aware of the installation of LED athletic lights at Hadley Park Baseball Field. The work will be happening starting in October and is expected to be completed before April 2027

31.) Discuss and vote on whether or not the board wants to allow permit requesters to utilize Zoom for board of parks meetings

DISCUSSION: The board of parks members requested more information and tabled this to the April meeting

32.) **THIS WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT THE BOARD VOTED**

Daniel Price – AA meeting/cookout

Shedd Park – Pavilion

Saturday July 18, 2026

10am-2pm

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

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

Total Fee = \$200

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunt to approve the date and time as requested with \$150 fee
SECONDED BY: Kah Ndi **VOTE: 4-0**

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Caunter to adjourn at 7:28pm

SECONDED BY: Melissa Morales **VOTE: 4-0**