



Lowell Board of Parks *Meeting Minutes*

DATE: **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**

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IN ATTENDANCE: Keith Rudy, Melissa Morales, Kah Ndi

ABSENT: John Linnehan, Tom Caunter

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07pm

1.) Mike Marshall – LPD Flag Football

A.) Scullin Park Greenspace

Reilly School Community Playground Field

Mondays & Wednesdays September 28 – Wednesdays October 28, 2026 4pm-6pm

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

Total Fee = \$0

Motion made by Melissa Morales to be approved as written

2ND: Kah Ndi VOTE: 3-0

B.) Campbell Senior League Baseball Field

Gage Park Whalen Senior League Field

Tuesdays & Thursdays September 29 – October 29, 2026

4pm-6pm

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

Total Fee = \$0

Motion made by Melissa Morales to be approved as written

2ND: Kah Ndi VOTE: 3-0

2.) Emmet Moriarty – UML English Department

Kerouac Park Greenspace

Thursday September 17, 2026

4pm-6pm

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

Total Fee = \$25

The event would be a poetry reading — a celebration of associate of Jack Kerouac's, poet Allen Ginsberg, for his Centennial.

This will be a poetry reading of Allen Ginsberg's works to celebrate his 100th birthday. They will need power and want amplification as well.

Custodial Fee of \$200 added for custodian to provide electricity.

Motion made by Kah Ndi to Approved date for a fee of \$225. 2ND: Melissa Morales

VOTE: 3-0

3.) Tenesha Scarlett – Church Service Whole Armour International Church

A.) South Common Stage

Sunday September 13, 2026

10am-12pm

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

Total Fee = \$100

NO VOTE TAKEN AS NO ONE SHOWED FOR THE MEETING.

B.) Shedd Park Pavilion

Sunday October 4, 2026

9am-1pm

Non-Resident Adult Fee \$200.00/4hr block = \$200.00

Custodial Fee \$200/4hr block = \$200

Total Fee = \$400

NO VOTE TAKEN AS NO ONE SHOWED FOR THE MEETING.

4.) Alex Merkel – Community Food Pantry

Kerouac Park Greenspace

Interested in establishing a small community food pantry in downtown Lowell! I live nearby and could maintain the pantry, and it's a medium traffic area where it's accessible, but out-of-the-way enough to minimize any potential vandalism or misuse.

The pantry would be a free, volunteer-maintained resource containing shelf-stable, commercially packaged food items that community members can take when needed or contribute to when able. The goal is to provide a simple, accessible source of food assistance for residents and visitors experiencing food insecurity.

Discussion:

Explained he wanted a box like a lending library to give away free, non-perishable foods.

Motion made by Melissa Morales to Continue to September meeting. 2ND: Kah Ndi
VOTE: 3-0

- 5.) Jasmine Galarza – Second Birthday Party
Hovey Field
Saturday August 29, 2026 4pm-8pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/2hr block = \$0.00
Total Fee = \$0

Motion made by Melissa Morales as written 2ND: Kah Ndi VOTE: 3-0

- 6.) Natalie Welch – Lowell Girls Field Hockey
A.) Cancel August 17-20 practice dates and waive any potential fees accordingly.

Motion made by Kah Ndi to remove fees for the August practice dates that were canceled and the week of August 24th since a custodian is on site as part of his normal schedule.

2nd: Keith Rudy Vote 3-0

B.) Game dates and fee. Approved 9 dates and associated fee, but only four dates will be needed. Approved the requested four dates and reduce the prior approved fee to reflect usage.

No longer need September 13 8am-4pm, October 11 8am-4pm, October 25th 8am-4pm, or September 24th 12-4pm.

Motion made by Kah Ndi to adjust their schedule and give credit for the hours not needed.

2ND: Melissa Morales VOTE: 3-0

- 7.) Mark Clinton – Lowell Pop Warner
Cawley Memorial Stadium Complex – William J. Desmond Jr. Field
Friday August 28, 2026 6pm-10pm
Monday August 31, 2026 6pm-10pm

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

Custodial Fee \$200/4hr block = \$200

Total Fee = \$200

If a custodian is already scheduled the fee may be waived.

DID NOT SHOW FOR THE MEETING AREA IS NO LONGER NEEDED.

- 8.) Ruth Jeune – Birthday Party

Shedd Park Pavilion

Saturday August 29, 2026

4:30pm-8:30pm

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

Custodial Fee \$200/4hr block = \$200

Total Fee = \$200

This is 30 minutes after a prior event.

NO VOTE TAKEN AS NO ONE SHOWED FOR THE MEETING.

- 9.) Robbie Barnes – Lowell Catholic Walk – A – Thon

Callery Park – John J Barrett Field

Callery Park – Zabbo Little League Field

Friday October 2, 2026

9am-11am

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

Total Fee = \$0

No other things are needed. They do this yearly.

Motion made by Kah Ndi to approve as written. 2ND: Melissa Morales VOTE: 3-0

- 10.) William Faranda- SLS Fitness Field Day

Shedd Park Pavilion

Shedd Park Gresco Field

Sunday September 20, 2026

1pm-5pm

Resident Adult Fee \$50.00/4hr block X 2= \$100.00

Custodial Fee \$200/4hr block = \$200

Total Fee = \$300

This would be a fun day of games for members and the community to jump into - not competition based! We are also looking for a grill permit as well.

Wants to grill with Charcoal. 1st time event for alla ges. Keith mentioned advertising to neighborhood groups and local schools.

Motion made by Melissa Morales to approve as written. 2ND: Keith Rudy VOTE: 3-0

- 11.) Joseph Ngugi – Cookout
Sheehy Park Extension
Saturday August 29, 2026 12pm-6pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 3= \$75.00
Total Fee = \$75

Changed the date to September 26 at the same time as previous request.

Motion made by Melissa Morales for the revised date and times for \$75. 2ND: Kah Ndi
VOTE: 3-0

- 12.) Felicita Espinal – Celebration of International Softball Cup
North Common 50/70 Baseball Field
Saturday August 29, 2026 10am-6pm
Sunday August 30, 2026 10am-2pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 6= \$150.00
Total Fee = \$150

Needs Bathrooms. Maria Claudio will make them available.

Motion made by Melissa Morales as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi VOTE: 3-0

- 13.) Angie Perez 1st Birthday Party
Shedd Park Pavilion
Sunday August 30, 2026 3:30pm-7:30pm
Resident Youth Fee \$0.00/4hr block = \$0.00
Custodial Fee \$200/4hr block = \$200
Total Fee = \$200

NO VOTE TAKEN AS NO ONE SHOWED FOR THE MEETING.

- 14.) Rothanak Sarath Free Comic Book and Back 2 School Giveaway
Clemente Park Picnic Area
Sunday August 30, 2026 12pm-2pm

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

RCS Project Inc.'s 4th Annual event to get kids reading through comic books. Also has developed into a back pack and school supply give away.

Motion made by Melissa Morales as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi VOTE: 3-0

- 15.) Christian Guillermo – Kickball league
North Common 50/70 Baseball Field
Tuesdays September 15-October 27, 2026 6pm-8pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 7= \$175.00
Total Fee = \$175
Requestor wants lights.

4 team kickball league for adults. Previously run by Glans Stocki and her brother Joe after Glens passed away. All Lowell te4ams, no cleats will be used but they want lights.

Motion made by Melissa Morales to approve as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi VOTE: 3-0

- 16.) John Riel – Gender Reveal
Kitteredge Park
Saturday October 10, 2026 2pm-4pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block = \$25.00
Total Fee = \$25

NO VOTE TAKEN AS NO ONE SHOWED FOR THE MEETING.

- 17.) Hetal Patel – Cricket
Hovey Field
A.) Adult Cricket
Saturdays September 2 – October 24, 2026 (Excluding September 5) 12pm-4pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 16= \$400.00
Total Fee = \$400
Some dates conflict with another user.

Discussion on both Items 17 and 18 were done prior to voting on all Items. Sabeeh reiterated that he paid to create these fields and Hetal is getting more hours every year.

Motion made by Melissa Morales to approve as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi. VOTE: 3-0

- 18.) Sabeeh Ehsan – Cricket
A.) Adult Cricket
Saturday September 5, 2026 10am-2pm
Sunday September 6, 2026 10am-2pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 4= \$100.00
Total Fee = \$100

Motion made by Melissa Morales to approve as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi. VOTE: 3-0

- B.) Adult Cricket
Saturdays September 12, 19, 26, 2026 8am-12pm
Saturdays October 3, 10, 2026 8am-12pm
Saturdays October 17, 24, 31, 2026 10am-12pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 13= \$325.00
Total Fee = \$325

Motion made by Melissa Morales to approve as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi. VOTE: 3-0

- C.) Adult Cricket
Sundays September 13, 20, 27, 2026 9am-5pm
Sundays October 4, 11, 2026 9am-5pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 20= \$500.00
Total Fee = \$500

Motion made by Melissa Morales to approve as written. 2ND: Kah Ndi. VOTE: 3-0

- D.) **Wanted the following dates that were also requested by another user.**
Saturdays September 12-October 24, 2026 12pm-4pm
Resident Adult Fee \$25.00/2hr block X 14= \$350.00
Total Fee = \$350

Dates were given to Hetal so they are no longer available.

- 19.) Cancel or Reschedule the November and December meeting dates.

Motion made by Kah Ndi to cancel the November and December meetings and hold Special meetings as the Board deems necessary.

2ND: Melissa Morales VOTE: 3-0

20.) Maria Claudio – Clemente Baseball League

North Common 50/70 Baseball Field

September 5, 2026

1-6pm

September 19, 2026

11-5pm

September 26, 2026

10-6pm

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

Total Fee = \$0

Motion Made by Melissa Morales pending availability. 2nd" Kah Ndi Vote: 3-0

Motion to Adjourn made by Melissa MOrales

2nd: Kah Ndi

Vote: 3-0

Meeting ended at 7:30pm