

MINUTES

Lowell Stormwater Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Held Immediately after the Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Wilson, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Planning Board members present: Heather Seay, Troy Roberts Sr., Norris Lamb, and David Jennings. Staff members present: Jamie Watkins, Stormwater Administrator, Tyler Cobb, Planner, and Cheryl Ramsey, City Clerk. No members of the public were in attendance.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – it was determined a quorum was reached.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Scott Wilson.

IV. CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With no changes noted, a motion was made by Board Member Seay to approve the agenda, seconded by Board Member Jennings. The vote was unanimously in favor.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 4, 2023 – A motion was made by Board Member Roberts to approve the minutes and seconded by Board Member Jennings. The vote was unanimously in favor.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Stormwater Administrator, Jamie Watkins – Mrs. Watkins showed the board a presentation about Stormwater Citizen Science Initiative. She explained that it is for families to build connections to their community and the South Fork River. She said one of the best things to get people to adopt conservation-based behaviors is to take them/kids out into nature and show them how they can appreciate it. She envisions having stations, like a free library, around the city where there is inexpensive equipment where kids can take some water quality measurements do an activity, record their findings, upload them to a website and they can compare it with the data staff is hoping to get from more high-tech water monitoring equipment looking at PH and temperatures, etc.

She then included the board and the Planner (Tyler Cobb) in an activity on Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling which is done by the EPA to determine water quality.

Benthic means they live at the bottom of the creek, macro means you can see it with your eyes, and invertebrate means it does not have a spine. The board was split into two groups and given five minutes to determine what types of creatures belong in the category of super sensitive to pollution, some that are more tolerant and some that can thrive in any circumstance.


After the activity, Mrs. Watkins had the board give their opinion on possible names for the new program the Lowell Community Committee (LCC) suggested. Board Member Lamb made a motion to make "We are the SouthFork" the program name, seconded by Board Member Seay. "We are the SouthFork" was voted for by Board Members Roberts, Seay, and Lamb and Board Member Jennings voting against, electing for another name.

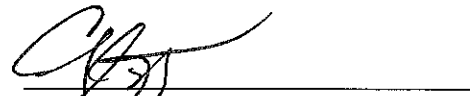
She then asked members of places where there may be creeks that she could do some of these activities. Board members gave her some suggestions.

VIII. ADJOURN

With no other discussion, Board Member Lamb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Jennings. The vote was unanimously in favor by the group. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

AFFIRM:


Chair, Scott Wilson


Cheryl Ramsey, City Clerk