

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

October 24, 2018

Present; Chairman C. Sprague, Comm. K. Thompson, Comm. T. French, Comm. M. Genung, Comm. S. Sutton, Comm. B. McCracken

Also Present; E. Pepe

The meeting was opened by Chairman C. Sprague at 7:00 pm

Prior to the meeting, C. Sprague emailed the parks survey results to all committee members for review.

Minutes of the July 30, 2018 meeting with the Common Council were approved by C. Sprague and seconded by S. Sutton, Ayes All

Visitors; There were no visitors.

Old Business: C. Sprague began discussing the idea of Greenway Park as a potential location for the proposed dog park. Space was brought up as a concern. The committee was not sure Greenway Park is large enough to accommodate a dog park, at least not without rearrangement. However one of the major benefits at Greenway is it has an existing fence which could be used for the dog park border. A field trip to Greenway Park was proposed to evaluate the suitability of the park to house a dog park. Some of the committee members also mentioned it might be nice to have a fountain or some kind of water feature in the dog park. Other potential sites were brought up to investigate including properties on the west side of Prentice St, and the City owned properties near the DPW garage.

New Business; C. Sprague then presented the results of the Parks survey. He stated he was still working on the executive summary. In general, there were a lot of positives but also some negatives. The pool seemed to get the most negative comments. There were also many complaints about the status of existing playground equipment. The majority of respondents were in favor of either a new dog park, or dog friendly parks. Most respondents are in favor of reservation fees for pavilions. Vandalism is an issue at Weiler. A general need to improve lighting was noted, especially at Kurt Beyer, and more police presence was requested.

The Parks Commission requested the City consider creating a sidewalk on the eastern side of North Broad from where existing sidewalk ends to Borden. They also requested a new crosswalk across Borden between the skate park and Weiler park. However, there may be an issue with having a crosswalk there because it is not at an intersection. E. Pepe will look into this.

Budget; the 2018 equipment budget of \$4,000 was used. 2018 new equipment – new handicap accessible Swings at Bruchhausen, Kurt Beyer, Weiler. New merry go round at Kurt Beyer.

Superintendents Report; None

Commissioner's Reports; Kurt Beyer – trees at north end need trimming above chain link fence.
Bruchhausen – bottom of sign deteriorating. Auburn – Name change to Carnrike? Has sign been created yet? E. Pepe will investigate status.

Correspondence; none

Next Meeting; Nov 28 7 pm, no meeting in December

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm