

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

May 27, 2020

Present; Chairman C. Sprague, Comm. OJ Levesque, Comm. M. Genung, Comm. T. French, Comm. K. Thompson

Absent; Comm. B. McCracken, Comm. S. Sutton

Also Present; E. Pepe

The meeting was opened by Chairman C. Sprague at 6:00 pm. It was held at various parks in the City, beginning at the skate park.

Motion to approve minutes of January 2020 Parks meeting was made by Comm. T. French, seconded by Comm. M. Genung, all ayes approve as written.

Visitors; Mayor Shawn Sastri, Lorraine Keckeisen, Alderwoman Allaire

Correspondence; None

Old Business; NA

New Business;

Skate park (Weiler) – We discussed the condition of the asphalt at the skate park. The park is closed to skateboarders due to poor surface conditions. A new surface is needed. Supt. Pepe recommends concrete which will last longer than asphalt.

We discussed concept of a potential path that cuts through the woods from Broad St to the skate park. Topics of discussion included summer/winter maintenance, need for handicap accessibility, and access to Weiler from the skate park by adding a crosswalk across Borden.

Weiler Park – We discussed Council approved resurfacing of the tennis courts. We discussed the softball fields; the main issue with the fields is the base paths which need to be regraded.

Greenway Park and Baker Dog Park – We discussed the location of the new playground. A tree nearby the proposed location will have to be removed by the DPW. Schedule for constructing the new playground is still unknown. We also discussed the status of the additional playground equipment purchased. Supt Pepe will reach out to manufacturer to obtain status.

We discussed the parking issues at the dog park. Solutions discussed were adding parking to the side of River Street on the northbound lane, adding no parking signs to the same, and adding parking across the street.

S. Broad – We discussed the grant associated with Cornell to redesign a city park. S. Broad is one of the options. This park is prone to flooding and any future park designs should consider that.

Auburn Park – This park is also in need of some upgrades to older playground equipment. This park is also being considered for the Cornell redesign.

Kurt Beyer – A broken slide was discovered. DPW will try to replace. This park is also being considered for the park redesign by Cornell.

Superintendents Report; NA

Commissioner's Reports; None

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.