

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

September 23, 2020

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

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

Also Present; E. Pepe

The meeting was opened by Chairman C. Sprague at 6:00 pm. It was held at Weiler Park.

Motion to approve minutes of July 2020 Parks meeting was made by Chairman C. Sprague, seconded by Comm. M. Genung, all ayes approve.

Visitors; Jeff Conklin, Mike Fradenburg, Barb Lopiccolo, Susan Heiss

Correspondence; Email from Jeff Conklin to Chris Sprague, attached.

Old Business;

Auburn Park Sign – Supt. Pepe will discuss the Parks Commission recommendations for a new sign at Auburn Park at the next Joint Committee meeting.

Greenway Playground – Chris Sprague will try to contact vendor to set up a schedule for install.

New Business;

Weiler Park Tennis courts – Mr. Conklin, Mr. Fradenburg, Ms. Lopiccolo, and Ms. Heiss spoke of their interest in converting the southeast tennis court into 4 pickleball courts. They would like the City to repaint the court and provide nets for pickleball.

Comm. M. Genung made a motion to replace the SE tennis court with four (4) pickleball courts, with permanent nets on the east side, and temporary nets on the west side, seconded by Comm. T. French, all ayes approve.

Dog waste receptacle at Bruchhausen Park – Comm. T. French stated that a resident(s) have requested the City add a dog waste receptacle at Bruchhausen Park because they have found dog waste all over the park.

Chairman C. Sprague made a motion to add one (1) dog waste receptacle at Bruchhausen Park, Comm. T. French seconded, all ayes approve.

Superintendents Report;

Kurt Beyer – Supt. Pepe stated that the DPW replaced the main isolation butterfly valve at the pool and repaired the float control valve. The DPW plans to address cracks in the pool in the spring.

Bruchhausen - Supt. Pepe said he received a complaint about vandalism and garbage all over the park.

Commissioner's Reports;

Chairman C. Sprague provided an update on the Design-connects project centered on Kurt Beyer park. Zoom meetings have taken place between the City, Cornell, and Morrisville. The project is focusing on replacing the kiddie pool with a splash park, adding or replacing playground equipment that includes an older kids area and an area for children with sensory issues, rehabbing the pavilion, and adding landscaping.

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. Next meeting is October 28, 2020.