

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

October 28, 2020

Present; Chairman C. Sprague, Comm. OJ Levesque, Comm. M. Genung, Comm. T. French, Comm. S. Sutton

Absent; Comm. B. McCracken, Comm. K. Thompson

Also Present; E. Pepe

The meeting was held on zoom and opened by Chairman C. Sprague at 7:00 pm.

Motion to approve minutes of September 2020 Parks meeting was made by Comm. M. Genung, seconded by Comm. OJ Levesque, all ayes approve.

Visitors; None

Correspondence; None

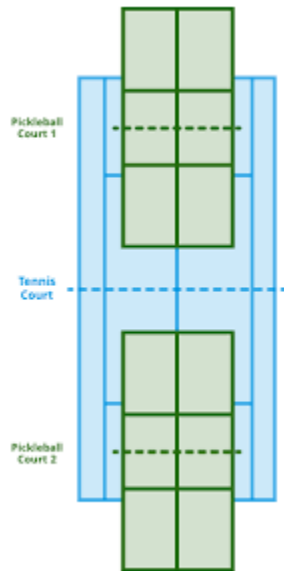
Old Business;

Auburn Park Sign – The DPW will repair existing sign.

Greenway Playground – Installation of new playground will now be planned for Spring 2021.

Dog waste receptacle at Bruchhausen Park – Supt. Pepe asked the Parks Commission if they had any thoughts on where to place the proposed dog waste receptacle. To be discussed further.

Weiler Park Tennis courts – After further consideration, the Parks Commission does not believe there would be enough room to have 4 pickleball courts installed on the SE tennis court. They believe that the 4 court layout will impact the usability of the adjacent tennis court. A 12 ft distance between courts should be maintained for safety. Chairman C. Sprague reached out to Mr. Conklin of the Pickleball club and Mr. Conklin agreed that the proposed layout of 4 courts would not work. He said the pickleball club would be fine with only 2 courts instead. The new proposed layout would like this.



A motion was made by Comm. M. Genung to rescind the motion made at the September meeting recommending replacing 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. OJ Levesque, all ayes approve.

A new motion was made by Comm. M. Genung recommending replacing the SE tennis court with two (2) pickleball courts, seconded by Comm. OJ Levesque, all ayes approve.

Supt Pepe obtained quotes for repainting the SE court with two pickleball courts. The first quote was for repainting and included providing permanent nets, for a cost of \$9,635. The second quote included just repainting without the nets, for a cost of \$6,120.

Design Connect Project – The students will present their ideas for upgrades at Kurt Beyer Park at the Nov. 4th Joint Committee meeting via zoom, to be set up by Chairman C. Sprague.

New Business;

None

Superintendents Report;

Gordon Fountain, bathrooms winterized. Pool is covered and winterized, Weiler ball fields winterized, ice rink is plugged up, ready for water/ice. Working on leaves at Gordon at E. Park. Still need to remove the tennis court windscreens and remove 3 out of 4 nets.

Commissioner's Reports;

Chairman C. Sprague stated that a few trees at S. Broad St. that should be removed have been tagged.

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.