

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

October 26, 2022

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

Absent;, Comm. T. French

Also Present; E. Pepe, Alderwoman Allaire

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

Motion to approve minutes of September 2022 Parks meeting was made by Comm. B. McCracken, seconded by Comm. OJ Levesque, all ayes approve.

Visitors;

Matt Gladstone – Matt came to the Parks Meeting to discuss a new proposed location for the Bike Park. The new location is in a City owned parcel at the eastern end of Borden Ave. The parcel is vacant and appears to be a good location for the new bike park. It also would connect to trails at Greenway.

The City will have to look at the zoning in the area.

Comm. S. Sutton made a motion to recommend creation of a new City Park on this parcel for the future location of a bike park/pump track course, seconded by Comm. K. Thompson, all ayes approve.

Anthony Testani – Anthony stated that the City has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to help fund surface repairs at the ice rink. Supt. Pepe stated the City could put the project out to bid this winter, for resurfacing next year.

Correspondence; None

Old Business; None

New Business;

New Sign for Robert Mason Recreation Center – The City dedicated the Ice Rink building the “Robert Mason Recreation Center” in honor of the long time Youth Bureau Director. The Mayor would like a sign to recognize this dedication. The Parks Committee discussed what type of sign and what it would say. Their recommendation was to put a plaque on the wall of the building. The recommended language for the plaque would state,

Robert Mason Recreation Center

Dedicated June 3, 2021

For 25 years of service

To the City of Norwich

Youth Bureau

Superintendents Report;

None

Commissioner's Reports;

Gordon Park – 2 lights out

Kurt Beyer Park – Fence repairs are needed along the creek

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Next meeting is November 30, 2022 7 pm at DPW.