

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

November 30, 2022

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

Absent;, Comm. T. French, Comm. S. Sutton

Also Present; E. Pepe

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

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

Visitors; None

Correspondence; None

Old Business; None

New Business;

Nativity Scene in West Park –

Comm. B. McCracken made a motion to retire the Nativity scene forever without replacement when it is no longer suitable for public display, seconded by Chairman C. Sprague. Chairman C. Sprague and Comm. B. McCracken voted Yes, Comm. K. Thompson and Comm. OJ Levesque voted No. Motion fails.

Comm. B. McCracken made a motion to support the installation of a Menorah, and a Kinara, along side with the Nativity Scene, paid for using City money, seconded by Comm. M. Genung, all ayes approve.

Bike Park –

The Commission discussed the plans for the proposed bike park. Things the Parks Commission discussed were the desire for good lighting and possibly security cameras. It was also mentioned that the City is investigating insurance requirements and liability.

Kurt Beyer Landscape –

The Commission discussed the desire to improve the landscape at Kurt Beyer Park, specifically the triangular shaped area adjacent to the northeastern part of the pool. Comm. OJ Levesque met with BOCES to see if they would be interested in helping landscape that area by 1) developing a landscape plan, and 2) installing the plants 3) mulching. The City would procure all materials/plants needed.

Comm. OJ Levesque said that BOCES asked if the City would be doing any of the labor or if BOCES would be doing all the labor. Supt. Pepe stated he would prefer BOCES do all labor.

Comm. OJ Levesque also said BOCES asked if the City needed or wanted to provide supervision. Supt. Pepe stated he felt that BOCES should be providing the Supervision but said the City would be available if any questions arise.

Comm. OJ Levesque also said BOCES asked about liability. Supt. Pepe will look into this more.

Superintendents Report;

Supt. Pepe mentioned a list of projects in the works or that still need to be done in the Parks. These are:

- Ice Rink Resurfacing Project
- Kurt Beyer Site Lighting Repairs
- Kurt Beyer fence repairs
- Greenway Tree removal
- Rotary Park Bridge Inspection
- Installing the Bob Mason Recreation Center sign
- Gordon Park light repair
- Playground rules signs

Commissioner's Reports;

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is January 25, 2023 7 pm at DPW.