

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

March 22, 2023

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

Absent; Comm. B. McCracken, Comm. T. French

Also Present; E. Pepe, A. Testani, Alderwoman Allaire

The meeting was opened by Chairman C. Sprague at 7:06 pm.

Motion to approve minutes of February 2023 Parks meeting was made by Comm. S. Sutton, seconded by Comm. K. Thompson, all ayes approve.

Visitors;

Correspondence; None

Old Business;

1. Ice Rink Resurfacing Bid – The bid opening is March 23 at 2pm.
2. Kurt Beyer Landscaping ideas – Comm. OJ Levesque is trying to reconnect with BOCES.
3. Bike Park – No updates
4. Kurt Beyer Site Lighting Repairs – Supt. Pepe stated he would like to consider solar powered lights.
5. Kurt Beyer fence repair – No updates
6. Rotary Park Bridge Inspection – DPW is looking for drawings of the bridge.
7. Bob Mason Recreation Center sign – Supt. Pepe stated he will be reaching out to another vendor for the sign.
8. Gordon Park light repair – No updates

9. Playground rules signs – Supt. Pepe stated the DPW will purchase and install the signs. One sign for each play area.

New Business;

1. Parks Commission and Youth Bureau Coordination - Comm. M. Genung made a motion to support moving the Capital Improvements Budget Line Item A7110.3100 from the Parks Dept. to A7140 Playgrounds & Recreation Centers. This would move all responsibility of Parks Capital Improvement projects from the responsibility of the DPW Superintendent to the Youth Bureau Director. DPW would still operate, maintain, and repair the Parks Facilities. The motion also included support for the Youth Bureau Director to be required to attend and take notes at the Parks Commission meetings in lieu of a DPW representative and for the Youth Bureau Director to coordinate with the DPW as needed related to any Parks operations, maintenance and repair. Seconded by Comm. K. Thompson, all ayes approve.

Superintendents Report;

Commissioner's Reports;

Comm. M. Genung shared several photos of needed repairs at Bruchausen, including playground equipment needing new paint, benches requiring staining, and the Park sign needing repair. A. Testani stated he was looking into possibly working with the Place to get some help from the teenagers to do some of these minor types of repairs.

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm. Next meeting is April 26, 2023 6 pm at Weiler.