

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

September 27, 2023

Present; Chairman C. Sprague, Comm. OJ Levesque, Comm. T. French, Comm. M. Genung, Comm. B. McCracken

Absent; , Comm. S. Sutton, , Comm. K. Thompson, Supt. E. Pepe.

Also Present; A. Testani, Alderwoman Allaire

The meeting was opened by Chairman C. Sprague at 7:10 pm.

Motion to approve minutes of May 2023 Parks meeting was made by Comm. B. McCracken, seconded by Chairman OJ Levesque, all ayes approve.

Visitors; D. Thompson, A. Thompson

Correspondence;

Old Business;

1. Ice Rink Resurfacing Bid – resurfacing has started. The bid was awarded to Kelly Asphalt Maintenance. Project will be completed by 10/15/2023.
2. Pickleball courts – all bids were rejected as none of the bidders completed a non-disclosure agreement. The new bid close date is 9/29/2023.
3. Kurt Beyer Landscaping ideas – Proposal has been set to DCMO BOCES. Unsure of next steps.
4. Bike Park – No update
5. Kurt Beyer Site Lighting Repairs – All lights have been updated to LED
6. Kurt Beyer fence repair – Repairs to fence are complete.
7. Rotary Park Bridge Inspection – Is scheduled for October 5th.
8. Bob Mason Recreation Center sign – No update.
9. Playground rules signs – No update

New Business;

1. Ring Ding shack – Correction to May's meeting – The shack at Weiler Park was donated to the City. The city can use the shack as needed. A. Testani will continue to work to get quotes to move the shack to a more visible location.
2. Matthew's Auto Walk-a-Thon – Motion to approve request to use Weiler Park was made by Comm. B. McCracken, seconded by Comm OJ Levesque. The motion was approved with a recommendation to the Common Council that plans are in place for set-up(tents in field, not staked down in parking lot), clean-up, especially with petting zoo and bathroom use, and traffic control.

3. Weiler Park Bathroom stalls – The stall walls are rusty, needing replacement. DPW needs to look into replacing walls.
4. YBD A. Testani reported the City was cited by County Public Health for conditions at the kiddie pool at Kurt Beyer. Public Health cited the approx. 12” of untreated standing water in the kiddie pool.
5. Location of Meeting – Due to conditions in the City garage, it was suggested that monthly meetings be moved to the city offices at 1 City Plaza. A. Testani stated he would ask A. Eaton to update the city’s website and calendar for the change of location. Next Parks Commission Meeting will be in the city offices conference room.
6. There was some discussion as to YBD A. Testani’s role on the commission. A. Testani believes currently he is not part of the commission, that as the Youth Bureau Director the parks are an important part of his position and is in attendance to add his observations of the park’s conditions and issues. Alderwoman N. Allaire is going to get clarification as to A. Testani’s role.

Superintendents Report;

Commissioner’s Reports;

Budget; No updates

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. M. Genung, seconded by Comm. B. McCracken, approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting; October 25th at 7:00 pm in the city offices conference room.