

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

May 22, 2024

Present: Chairman C. Sprague, Comm. T. French, Comm. OJ Levesque, Comm. B. McCracken

Absent: Comm. K. Thompson, Comm. S. Collins

Also Present: A. Testani

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

Motion to approve minutes of March 2024 Parks meeting was made by Comm. T. French, seconded by Comm. B. McCracken, all ayes approve.

Visitors:

Correspondence:

Chairman's Report: Chairman Sprague opened the meeting by letting everyone know that Comm. Roach has resigned from the commission as of this afternoon. We will be looking for a new member to add to the commission. Please let him know if there is someone you know that would be willing to join the commission.

Old Business:

1. Kurt Beyer Landscaping – Comm. Levesque is waiting to hear back from BOCES on their availability.
2. Bike Park – No update
3. Kurt Beyer Site Lighting Repairs – No update
4. Sharps Container at Weiler – No update
5. 5 Year plan – No update.
6. S Broad St Park Improvements – Chairman Sprague has spoken with Friends of the Parks representative Eric Larsen. Eric is willing to meet with the commission or council to discuss the proposed improvements. A date needs to be determined.

New Business:

1. The commission started the meeting at Greenway Park. We first tried to get an understanding of the piece of park property that is across the street from the park. It's thought at some point if we designate other property as a park, specifically areas around the proposed bike park, that we could then transfer this to residential property and list for sale. An inspection of the park revealed the park is in good

condition, no major issues were found. Other than a broken gate at the south end of the of the park and a few benches that need painting, all else looked good in the park. The commission's wish list for this park would include a solid base under the pavilion. It's currently pea stone.

2. The commission then visited Bruchhausen Park. A walk through the park did find some minor issues that need attention. Several benches need new slots and painting, the backboard of the basketball court was missing a bolt, and a swing needs to be connected properly. The commission's wish list for Bruchhausen Park would be to resurface the basketball court.
3. All issues have been brought to the attention of Superintendent Pepe.

Superintendents Report:

Commissioner's Reports:

Budget: No updates

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next meeting is June 26th, at 7 pm at Kurt Beyer Park.