

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

March 27, 2024

Present; Chairman C. Sprague, Comm. Savannah Collins, Comm. Kearstin Roach, Comm. B. McCracken

Absent;, Comm. K. Thompson, Comm. T. French, Comm. OJ Levesque

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

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

Motion to approve minutes of January 2024 Parks meeting was made by Comm. B. McCracken, seconded by Comm. Savannah Collins, all ayes approve.

Visitors;

Correspondence;

Chenango Chargers Soccer Club – Request to Reserve the Weiler ball fields Mondays and Wednesdays in April for practice, motion to approve made Chairman C. Sprague, second by Comm. B. McCracken all ayes approve.

Chenango Child Advocacy Center – Request to Reserve the Weiler ball fields October 5th 2024 for the Mathews Walk-a-thon, motion to approve made Comm. B. McCracken, second by Comm. Kearstin Roach all ayes approve.

Old Business;

1. Kurt Beyer Landscaping – We discussed the idea of having BOCES students design and construct a small landscape area in front of Kurt Beyer Park. The project was not able to be come to fruition in 2023. But the Parks Commission is still interested in reaching out to BOCES.
2. Bike Park – No update
3. Kurt Beyer Site Lighting Repairs – No update
4. Rotary Park Bridge Inspection – Supt. Pepe stated that the spalling on the East pier was most likely caused by dead and live load rotation of the girders. The recommendation is to lift the bridge, repair spalled pier, and replace bearings. The bridge would need at least \$60,000 in repairs minimum. Chairman C. Sprague suggested it might make more sense to replace the

bridge with new, and he said he has some experience looking into pedestrian bridges and will look into it.

5. Sharps Container at Weiler – A. Testani said he was working on getting a contract with ACBC.

New Business;

1. A. Testani discussed developing a 5 year plan for the Parks, see attached. He asked all the Commissioners to review their Parks for ideas to be included in a 5 year plan.
2. East Park Improvements – Supt. Pepe described proposed improvements to East Park being developed by Friends of the Parks, and also included as part of the DRI grant funding. See attached for project description.
3. S Broad St Park Improvements - Chairman C. Sprague described proposed improvements to S Broad Park by Friends of the Park to retrofit the park and add walking paths, new lighting, new parking lot, etc.

Superintendents Report;

Commissioner's Reports;

1. Kurt Beyer Park – Chairman C. Sprague said there were two trees along the walkway that the City should consider removing due to poor condition.
2. Weiler - Chairman C. Sprague mentioned that a group was looking into restarting the softball league.

Budget; No updates

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting is April 24th, at 6 pm at Weiler.