

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Parks Commission

June 26, 2024

Present: Chairperson C. Sprague, Comm. T. French, Comm., Comm. S. Collins

Absent: OJ Levesque, Comm. B. McCracken Comm. K. Thompson,

Also Present: A. Testani, N. Allaire

Not enough members were present to conduct an official meeting.

Visitors: B. Russell and A. Potter

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report:

Old Business:

1. Kurt Beyer Landscaping – A. Testani said he is meeting with BOCES the week of July 1st. He will try to get an update on the landscaping.
2. Bike Park – No update.
3. Kurt Beyer Site Lighting Repairs – No update
4. Sharps Container at Weiler – Comm. Collins said representatives from ACBC would like to meet with the commission and planning board. Chairperson Sprague felt it was not necessary. All that is necessary is the contract for the city attorney to review.
5. 5 Year plan – No update.
6. S Broad St Park Improvements – No update.

New Business:

1. A. Potter, State St. Norwich asked about a tree the city cut down in Kurt Beyer Park. Comm. Sprague explained that part of the tree had fallen and to prevent the tree from doing any damage, the rest of the tree had to come down.
2. The commission held the meeting at Kurt Beyer. Due to the rain, it did not inspect the whole park. Garbage in the park was particularly bad. Especially along the fencing of the pool. Comm. Collions

mentioned that the round climbing apparatus was rusty with sharp edges. The playground equipment is old and needs updating.

3. A. Testani gave an update on the lifeguards and pool hours. The pool is staffed with fifteen lifeguards and the pool director. The pool will be open until 8:00 PM on Saturdays. If it works and there is a need for additional hours, we will add them.
4. Comm. Collions informed the group that a homeless encampment is in Rotary Park. A. Testani will inform the PD and DPW.
5. A. Testani reviewed with the group an update to the public ordinance 421-3 Camping on city own property. The ordinance will be updated to state Camping on Public Property – All persons are hereby forbidden from camping on public property without a permit within the city limits. Public property shall also include all property owned by the City of Norwich outside of the city limits.
6. We discussed meetings in July and August. Comm French and A. Testani felt meeting over the summer was necessary as it was the busiest time of the year for the parks. If time off was needed, we could take off at other times of the year.

Superintendents Report:

Commissioner's Reports:

Budget: No updates

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is July 24th at 7 pm at the city offices.