

MINUTES
City of Norwich, Parks Commission
June 24, 2025

Present: Chairperson C. Sprague, Comm. B. McCracken, Comm. S. Lambert, Comm. T. French, Comm. M. Kirsch, Alderwoman N. Allaire

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

Also Present: A. Testani

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Comm. Kirsch made a motion approve May's meeting minutes, seconded by Comm. French. Approved by all.

As part of the annual review of the parks, June's meeting was held at Kurt Beyer Park. The commission noted the removal of the two bushes along the parking area, stating it improved the look of the park. A. Testani is working on getting a tree planted where one bush was removed by the playground area. A review of the park the commission noted the dog waste station was open which needed a key to close along with a broken swing. The broken swing has already been ordered.

The commission also walked around the inside of the pool. Several comments were made about the stain on the bottom of the deep end. The area painted is an improvement. It was asked if the pool could be drained again in the fall to see if painting the areas that were not could be done then.

Old Business:

Chairperson Sprague said there is nothing new to report on the Parks Master Plan. He has shared a copy with the commission.

YBD A. Testani stated the Safe Family Fun Day held at Kurt Beyer on June 13th seemed to be a huge success. There were 35 booths set-up with over 120 kids registered for the event.

Several members of the commission mentioned the recent flooding of South Board St Park. They are concerned if it happens after completion of improvements to the park, who would be responsible for repairs to the park.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Chairman's Report: Chairperson Sprague brought to the commission's attention the grant process for NY is now open. We should be looking into applying for these once the final master plan for the parks is completed.

Commissioner's Reports: Commission Kirch mentioned that the fence along the parking lot at Weiler Park was bent. She wondered if that was something the DPW could look into fixing. She also mentioned the dog waste stations were out of bags at Weiler

Budget: No update.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:34 was made by Comm. McCracken, seconded by Comm. Lambert, approved by all.

Next meeting: No July meeting. Next meeting will be September 23rd at 7:00 PM in the city offices.