

MINUTES
City of Norwich, Parks Commission
December 18, 2025

Present: Chairperson C. Sprague, Comm. S. Lambert, Comm. D. Phelps, Alderwoman N. Allaire

Absent: Comm. B. McCracken, Comm. T. French, Comm. K. Thompson, Comm. M. Kirsch

Also Present: A. Testani, Eric Larsen

Correspondence: None

Not enough members were present for a quorum.

Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming and introducing Deb Phelps as a member of the commission. Deb is replacing OJ Levesque.

Old Business:

New Business: Eric Larsen presented to the commission that Friends of the Park would like to make improvements to Bruchhausen and Auburn Parks. Eric asked the commission what improvements we felt were necessary. The commission suggested new playground equipment for 2 to 5 years old at Bruchhausen Park, and for 2 to 12 years old at Auburn Park, along with new benches, improved lighting, and the basketball court at Bruchhausen. It was suggested a train theme be used at Auburn Park. Eric will provide a drawing of the improvements. The commission discussed with Eric next steps to proceed but nothing was finalized. The commission looks forward to working with Eric on these improvements.

The Parks Commission also discussed the need for the city to prioritize the city's parks and improving the city's sidewalks.

The commission discussed the Parks Master Plan. Overall, everyone was impressed with the plan. We also discussed the need for the city to prioritize the city parks.

Chairman's Report:

Commissioner's Reports:

Budget: No update was provided.

Next meeting: January 27th at 7:00 PM in the city offices.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.