



Norwalk Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
6:00 PM

Norwalk City Hall

Members present: Nancy Kuehl, Stephanie Riva (Council liaison), Ben Palen, Deb Jorgenson, Sarah Coburn and Jordan Bandy. **Members Absent:** Al Lammers, Nat Tagtow, Brett Cermak

Nancy Kuehl called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of agenda: (March) Motion by Jorgenson, seconded by Bandy, carried unanimously, agenda approved.

Approval of minutes: (February) Motion by Jorgenson, seconded by Bandy, carried unanimously, minutes approved.

Public & Guest Comment:

DNR presentation about Urban fishing, Geese mitigation, Ice fishing. Commission will discuss and make a recommendation to City Council about ice fishing.

Derek McKay and the Ackworth Garden Club gave presentations on improvements to Brownie Park including the addition of a Magnolia Arboretum, tribute garden, ornamental grass and a pollinator bed.

Old Business:

Elizabeth Holland Park – low bid came in from Caliber Concrete LLC for \$787,506.95 with a project completion date of July 2019. Project estimate and bond was for \$1.1 million.

Warren County Philanthropic Partnership Grant #1 – Robin submitted an application for the installation of the wheelchair swing and pour in place surface under the swing at Billy O. Phillips Park. A total cash donation of \$5,800 was made from citizens of Norwalk. June 2 the Kiwanis are hosting a bike ride from The Chicken to Trumans with proceeds being donated to the project.

Warren County Philanthropic Partnership Grant #2 – Deanna Schulz (Economic Development) submitted an application for bike racks and art at Elizabeth Holland Park.

New Business:

Commission Member Terms – the ordinance states the terms must be staggered 3-year terms but doesn't say how many need to be grouped together. Right now 3 member terms terminate in 2019 and 3 more terminate in 2020. I would like for only 2 members to terminate each year. Commission was in general agreement but want me to see if there is an ordinance change that needs to happen before we can move forward.

Program Updates:

Soccer start date has been moved back to the first week of April. 268 kids registered.

Basketball is over

Agenda topics for next meeting:

Ice Fishing

Grant Updates

Commission member terms

Meeting adjournment: Motion by Jorgenson, seconded by Bandy, carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.