

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
October 15, 2020**

Via Zoom

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

A quorum was present

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Charles Griffin, Paul Swindlehurst, Matthew Ellsworth

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Andrea Eigerman, Jeannine Miller, Ilene Harnich Grady, John Morris, Sharif Zeid, Michelle Wheeler, Margaret Thomas, Tammy Carter, Charles Monse

NEW BUSINESS

Garrison sign at Garrison Gardens

Motion to allow installation of two interpretive panels at Garrison Gardens, with panels oriented so that reader will face Garrison's house and size to be determined up to 36 inches wide by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

NYSA additional netting at Cherry Hill

Motion to approve additional netting at Cherry Hill Athletic Fields by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Parking lot striping changes at Joppa Park

Commissioners considered a proposal to change the parking space layout at Joppa Park so that one standard parking space would abut 205 Water Street with the handicap van access space being moved one space to the west. Commissioners discussed an alternative change as follows. **Motion to approve shifting all parking spaces to the right of the boat ramp west by about 6 inches pending approval by Mass Dept of Fish and Game by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Parking lot time restrictions at Joppa Park

Commissioners discussed limiting parking at Joppa Park boat ramp. No action was taken.

Approve installation of Pollinator hotel on Clipper City Rail Trail

Motion to approve installation of a “Pollinator Hotel” at the butterfly garden on the Clipper City Rail Trail 2 by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Tree sculpture installation to CCRT1

Commissioners considered a proposal by Jeannine Miller to install a tree sculpture along the Rail Trail and place a 4” x 10” plaque in honor of her father, Tree Commissioner Crispin Miller. There would be no cost to the city. **Motion to approve installation of a public art piece and plaque on the Clipper City Rail Trail with location to be determined by site visit with Commissioner Turner and Director Reid by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Extension of C-19 permit fee waiver

Motion to extend the COVID -19 (C-19) fee waiver through April 30, 2021 by Commissioner Griffin seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Removal of hazardous Norway maple at Ayers

Motion to approve removal a hazardous Norway maple at Ayers Playground by Commissioner Griffin seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Turner asked that the department consider pruning or removing the other Norway maple at Ayers Playground while it is doing the hazardous tree work.

Adjourned 7:45 p.m.