

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
January 21, 2021**

Via Zoom

Call to order: 6:01 p.m.

A quorum was present

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

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Michael Hennessey, Anita Greenwood, James Jones, Andy Morris, Rob Trachman

Motion to take the agenda out of order by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Lighting at Atwood Park

Commissioner Turner presented three options to install lighting within Atwood Park.

Motion ask Community Preservation Committee for funding for lighting for Atwood Park using four posts with the Asbury single arm fixture attached for an estimated \$26,120 increased to accommodate prevailing wage costs by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

New Memorial Bench at Cashman Off Leash

Motion to approve an additional bench in the southwest corner of the off leash area at Cashman Park by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Pickle Ball at Perkins Park

Commissioners considered complaints about use of Perkins Park basketball court for pickle ball. Commissioners listened to residents comments and considered other locations for pickle ball. No action was taken.

Construction Staging in City Parks

Commissioners considered a request from Director Reid to develop a policy to prohibit non-park construction staging on parks property or otherwise regulate such activity. Commissioners asked Director Reid to develop a draft policy for commissioners to review.

Walkway material at Bartlet Mall

Commissioners reviewed information about a gravel stabilizer called decomposed granite for use to replace Bartlet Mall walkways. Commissioners table decision on approving material based on further investigation about the product.

Compost Collection Site in City Parks

Motion to approve a one year trial for a Black Earth compost drop off location Cashman Park with specific location to be determined by Director Reid and Mike Hennessey by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Tree Removals at Atkinson Common

Motion to remove invasive trees at Atkinson Common according to recommendations of certified arborist and Park Manager Michael Hennessey by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourned 8:14 p.m.