

Parks Commission
June 9, 2014

Present:	C. Sprague	S. Sastri
	M. McCallum	R. Loucks
	M. Williams	Visitor- Sharon Pelosi

Sharon Pelosi from the Greenway Conservancy addressed the Commission regarding Kiwanis Park. She said the Conservancy had received a 5 year grant from the RC Smith Foundation. The group has purchased a climbing equipment piece for the park. It will be installed by volunteers supervised by a Company Representative from Parkitects, in July, possibly the 19th or 20th. They will need about 20 volunteers. Mark suggested that they contact Frontiers Community Action Team for assistance with digging the holes for the posts.

They also received a grant from the Greater Norwich Foundation for interpretive signs for the trail and a kiosk sign for the Park. Mark suggested they contact DEC for approval for the sign placement along the river. The group is also looking into the possibilities of incorporating the old railroad right of way into the trail.

She said the Greenway Conservancy may want to take on a project of work in Rotary Park. They would cut back the trails and possibly undertake some erosion control measures.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as written. S. Sastri motioning and M. McCallum seconding.

Mark told the Commission that the crews were working on getting the Pool open for the season. The projected opening date is July 27th. Mark said he did not foresee any problems with being ready by then.

M. McCallum asked about the process to change the Park reservation process. Mark explained that a proposal of changes by the Parks Commission would be forwarded to Public Works for approval then to Council to vote on. He reminded the Commission that East and West Parks are under the control of the County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. Motion by S. Sastri, seconded by C. Sprague. All ayes. The next meeting will be July 14th. **Note:** August meeting is August 4th because of conflicting schedules.