

Parks Commission
January 14, 2013

Present:	C Sprague	B. Doliver
	S. Sastri	C. Crisler
	S. Sutton	Bill Roberts
	Mayor Maiurano	Gib Harrington
	M. Williams	Visitor- Sharon Pelosi-Greenway Committee

The Commission honored Gib Harrington for serving on the Commission since 1989. C. Sprague presented him with a gift certificate to a local restaurant and the Mayor presented him with a plaque thanking him for the years of service on the Parks Commission. Gib remarked 2 of his highlights on the Commission were the installation of the climber at Weiler Park and the voting down of the Wendy's restaurant in S. Broad St. Park.

Sharon Pelosi with The Greenway Trail Committee told the Commission that they were interested in Kiwanis Park as a site for Greenway Trail Projects. Some of the items they were looking at were; trail signs, a USS Chenango sign, and seeking funding for improvements to the Park.

She also discussed the possibilities of renaming the Park after the Greenway Group. This will have to be checked into. She said they do not want to cause any ill feelings with the Kiwanis Club who the Park was originally named after. B. Doliver explained that the Kiwanis are no longer active in the Norwich area and have not been since 1992. The City Clerk will be approached about the issue.

S. Sutton made a motion to support the appointment of Chris Sprague as Chair of the Parks Commission. It was seconded by B. Doliver. All ayes.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written. Motion by S. Sutton, seconded by B. Doliver. All ayes.

A discussion was held on Gordon Park renovations. It was suggested that Eric Larson be invited to a meeting to update the Commission.

M. Williams told the Commission that the crews will be making ice at the rink as weather permits.

Auburn Park was assigned to Shawn Sastri in the absence of Commissioners.

C. Sprague said Todd Dryer was working on a Parks Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. **The next meeting will be on February 11th.**