

Parks Commission
November 10, 2014

Present: C. Sprague S. Sutton
M. McCullum K. Thompson
M. Williams

C. Sprague introduced Kim Thompson as the newest member of the Parks Commission. She will be assigned to Auburn Park.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written. Motion by S. Sutton, seconded by K. Thompson.

C. Sprague told the Commission that it never made a motion to change the name of Kiwanis Park to Greenway Park.

Motion: S. Sutton made the motion to change the name of Kiwanis Park to Greenway Park. It was seconded by M. McCullum. All ayes. S. Sutton said the Greenway Conservancy will buy a sign for the Park. They will come up with a design for the sign for approval by the Commission.

C. Sprague said the Friends of the Parks are now the equivalent of a Parks Commission for the County. They have discussed the request to have a tree dedicated to Stu Chase in one of the Parks. They are looking at 2 options.

1. To plant a tree in East Park and have a plaque next to it. It would be a memorial tree that people would donate money and have a name put on the plaque.

2. To have a Christmas tree put on the stage and decorated each year in memory of Stu Chase.

M. Williams questioned who was going to be responsible for setting up the tree each year and decorating it. C. Sprague said he did not know at this time.

J. Esposito had forwarded a message that working on a new Park Reservation was on hold until after the Holidays as he is busy working on a float for the Parade of lights.

A discussion was held on the meeting time of 7:30pm being changed. It was decided to not change it for now.

M. Williams told the Commission he had received a call from a Keith Lorimer who inquired about selling food at Wieler Park during the summer season. He is checking with the Softball League about using their building but also has his own equipment. Mark referred him to City Hall for information about vending in the City and the legalities of selling food in the Park.

He also informed the Commission that the City's Insurance company had site visited the Parks and requested that some changes be made for safety reasons. He said the crew would be making those changes. Some of the changes however are for the replacement of small equipment such as the merry go round at Kiwanis Park as well as some animal riders in some of the Parks. The insurance company also requests that informational signs be put in the Parks to warn of the hazards associated with Parks and to identify the age appropriate equipment.

The crew had begun removing some of the swings in the parks to accommodate the spacing needs for safety reasons.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. The next meeting will be December 8th.