

Parks Commission
August 17, 2016

Present: C. Sprague M. McCallum
S. Sastri R. Loucks
K. Thompson M. Williams
Todd Dryer
Absent : T. Revoir S. Sutton

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as written. S. Sastri motioning and M. McCallum Seconding, all ayes.

Todd Dryer opened the discussion of items considered for the Parks Plan. It was discussed of possible fees for reserving the Pavilions in the Parks.

Also a fee and ways of collecting fees for the Pool use was discussed. Possible ways of collecting fees would be to have people buy a season pass at City Hall or sell tokens to be used each usage. Todd Dryer has sent out a survey for input on the Parks Plan.

East Park usage and responsibility was discussed. Mark told the Commission that the only thing the City DPW was responsible for was mowing, snow removal and Park cleanliness. The County is responsible for everything else. It was brought up that it would be in the best interest for organizations to have only one entity to go through for reservations, fees, and associated items for use of the Park. The County Buildings and grounds supervisor told the Friends of the Parks group that they are not responsible for the lighting and do not have the personnel to maintain the Park. C. Sprague said one of the Veterans groups was taking care of the lights. Mark told the Commission he felt that if the entire Park responsibility were to be put on any one entity it should be the County as they own the property and all reservations currently have to go through them now. He reminded the Commission that as of this year the Department does not have any Parks employees and to take on more duties would not be an option.

Mark told the Commission that the equipment for Bruchhausen Park was ordered and should arrive in the next few weeks.

C. Sprague said that the Cortland office of the smoking coalition was giving free signs to Municipalities for their Parks. He said there is a new State law which prohibits smoking in Parks. The Commission supports putting the signs in the Parks and made a motion to forward to the Mayor and Council to approve the measure. The motion to support putting no smoking signs in all City Parks was made by C. Sprague and seconded by M. McCullum. All ayes.

Todd Dryer said that Chobani is funding the exercise equipment stations to be installed at Weiler Park.

Mark told the Commission the Pool was closing for the season on August 28th.

A brief discussion was held on the possibility of not having a Parks meeting every month. Ideas were to have the meetings every other month or not during the summer months. This item was tabled to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. S. Sastri motioning and K. Thompson seconding. All ayes. The next meeting will be September 21st.