

Parks Commission
January 18, 2017

Present: C. Sprague S. Sutton
M. Genung K. Thompson
Councilman Doliver M. Williams

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written. M. Genung motioning, seconded by K. Thompson. All ayes.

Ald. Doliver presented to the Commission a program by the Library called Little Free Library, to put a small shelter in the Parks to house books to be barrowed by the public. Discussion on this led to putting the shelters under cover of the Pavilions and having signs to tell people to barrow and return the books. Also it was suggested to start with a couple parks in the spring to see if the program works. Kurt Beyer Park will be one of the Parks that will be tried first. The program will be entirely ran by the Library.

A discussion was held on the donation of property adjacent to Auburn Park on King St. By Carnrike Construction to expand the Park. The stipulation by the owner is that Auburn Park be renamed Carnrike Park in memory of Former Mayor George Carnrike.

A motion was made by S. Sutton – The Parks Commission supports the donation of land adjacent to Auburn Park by Carnrike Construction to the City of Norwich and renaming of Auburn Park to Carnrike Park. It was seconded by M. Genung. All ayes.

This motion will be forwarded to the Joint Committees meeting in February.

Mark told the Commission that because of meeting date conflicts, the Park Commission meeting day needed to be changed. It was decided to change the Parks Commission meetings to every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. He will notify City Hall to make the change on future Calendars.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. **The next meeting will be February 22nd, the fourth Wednesday of the month.**