

PARKS COMMISSION

MARCH 22, 2017

PRESENT: CARL IVARSON	GEORGE CARNRIKE	ALDERMAN DOLIVER
C. SPRAGUE	K. THOMPSON	M. GENUNG
B. Mc CRACKEN	MELODY McCALLUM	

VISITORS: ISAIAH SUTTON ON CHOBANI FITNESS @ WEILER PARK SCHEDULE

: DAVE LAWSON ON SKATE PARK USE FOR STEM PROGRAM

MEETING OPENED WITH ISAIAH SUTTON REPRESENTING CHOBANI BUILD TEAM DISCUSSED SCHEDULE AT WEILER TO CONSTRUCT NEW WORKOUT STATIONS. HE WOULD LIKE PARK RESERVED 5/6/17 AND 6/10/17 HIS CREW WILL CALL IN A DIGNY 1 WEEK PRIOR TO ALLOW TIME TO MARK UTILITIES ETC. ALSO MAY BE A POSSIBILITY OF AUGERING HOLES PRIOR TO THE 6TH WHICH HE WILL COVER WITH PLYWOOD CONES AND CAUTION TAPE.LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED ON SEVERAL STATIONS AS TO STAY CLEAR OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC AND WATER. BAGGED CONCRETE WILL BE USED ON ALL POLES REQUIRING SAME. HEEL FLEX MACHINE WILL GO IN AREA OF BLEACHERS BY SOUTH END BALL FIELD. BACK SIGNAGE WILL HAVE CHOBANI ON THEM.

COMMITTEE APPROVED OF CHANGES SCHEDULE, AS WELL AS HAVING AGNES EATON, INVITE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS WELL AS PARK COMMISION MEMBERS TO BUILD DAY.

MR. IVARSON ASKED IF ALL SIGNAGE AND PLACARDS WAS "GRAFFITI" PROOF, TO WHICH MR. SUTTON CLAIMED WAS.CITY WILL ALSO PROVIDE WOOD CHIPS TO BE USED FROM SURPLUS ALLOWING A MIN. 6 INCHES AROUND ALL WORKOUT STATIONS REQUIRING SAME.

2ND VISITOR DAVE LAWSON HAD SPOKEN WITH ROBERT MASON IN REGARDS TO USE OF SKATE PARK BUILDING TO ASSEMBLE AND STORE BMX BIKES TO BE ASSEMBLED AND WORKED ON AS A STEM PROJECT. THIS WORK WOULD TAKE PLACE 2-3 NIGHTS AFTER SCHOOL AND BE SUPERVISED. 12-14 STUDENTS WITH INSTRUCTORS TEACHING ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF THESE BIKES AS WELL AS FIGURE 8 SYSTEM. THIS GROUP IS SPONSORED BY NORWICH ROTARY, AND IS CLOSE TO WORKING ON A TRACK LOCATED AT "THE WATERBOTTLE" COUNTY ROUTE 32 IN THE TOWN OF NORWICH.

MOTION TO ACCCEPT BY M. McCALLUM 2ND BY K. THOMPSON.

DISCUSSION MR. IVARSON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE JOINT COMMITTEE REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING, AND WOULD GET BACK TO ALL CONCERENED PARTIES. ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR TO FORWARD TO COMMITTEE.

C. SPRAGUE ASKED FOR MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN JAN.2017 BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

MOTION TO APPROVE K. THOMPSON 2ND BY M. McCALLUM ALL IN FAVOR

MR. IVARSON EXPLAINED TO COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS FOR POOL/PARKS PERSON WOULD BE SCHEDULED SOON WITH 2 APPLICANTS SO FAR, AND STILL WORKING ON POOL GRANT

OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ON AUBURN PARK NAME CHANGE AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND MONEY, OR LACK OF AND THAT NOTHING FROM LAWYER HAD CHANGED HANDS. MR IVARSAN HAD RECEIVED QUOTES ON FENCING WHICH AGAIN WAS JUST FOR INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. ALDERMAN DOLIVER HAD SPOKEN WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO HELP PLAN ANY FUTURE IDEAS, MOSTLY NEIGHBORS TO THE PARK .CARL ALSO SAID A SURVEY WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ANY WORK, ALSO MENTIONED TO GET ANY BUDGET ITEMS FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS TO HIM PRIOR TO AUGUST OF THIS YEAR SINCE BUDGETS HAVE BEEN COMPILED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AHEAD, AND THINGS TAKE TIME. DISCUSSION ON APPLYING FOR GRANTS IF AVAILABLE WAS A TOPIC OF INTREST FOR PARKS MEMBERS.

ANOTHER ITEM WAS HAVING ROOF IN SOUTH BROAD STREET PARK PAINTED THIS YEAR , CARL SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DONE

PARKS MEETINGS WILL NOT BE HELD IN JULY OR AUGUST THIS SUMMER.

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL PARKS AT THIS TIME , GROUP WILLMEET IN MAY AT WEILER PARK TO MAKE A TOUR OF ALL PARKS TIME TO FOLLOW AND NEXT PARK MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26TH @ 7:00 PM DPW GARAGE

MOTION TO ADJOURN: M. McCALLUM 2ND BY B. McCRACKEN ALL IN FAVOR