

Parks Commission Minutes
FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Present: C. Sprague M. Genung
S. Sutton B. McCracken
T. French Ald. Doliver
G. Carnrike
Absent: T. Revoir K. Thompson

Visitors: Isaiah Sutton (update on Weillier Park)

Isaiah Sutton opened meeting at 7:00pm with update on Fit Path Chobani Project in Weiler Park. Looks like the remaining funds are not enough to pave or seal entire walking path, however if City DPW crews does some patching of pavement in area behind backstop and other areas we can bill For it through Funds.

Chobani will also be updating back side of sign and give City Money towards our first ADA approved equipment. Committee thanks Isaiah for all work done to date and look forward to completing, remainder of project.

M. Genung motioned to approve the Nov. 15, 2017 minutes as written 2nd by C. Sprague. All Aye

Old Buisiness:

**Discussion on Parks Survey and results were discussed in Detail, committee decided to attempt one more try will all three Norwich Schools to get more than the current 129 responses. All responses have been done in Excel Format by C. Sprague and committee thanked him for all the hours spent to date. ADA Spinner for Kurt Byer Park, Budget has \$4000.00 for equipment M. Genung working on ADA swings for Weiler Park and once we reach \$5000.00 Freight is free. Amount above \$4000.00 is being covered by Chobani Funds and the ADA Swings will be in Welier Park. Committee wants this to go to Council for Approval.

New Business:

Bob Mason furnished his Skate numbers for 2017-2018 Season for Committee to review and comment. Rink was open 35 out of a possible 56 days with 1191 total skaters. All in all 2018 was a good skate year.

Norwich Tree City Application was submitted and looks like we will receive "Tree City Designation" for 2018, Thanks to Mayor and committee for following through in the last minute!

New No Tobacco signs have been given to parks and will be installed ASAP.

Committee Reports: All quiet in parks, need some swings (chains) fixed in Bruchausen Park.

Committee also asked to have a plan for a Playground specific equipment ready to go if and when some Grant of funding became available.

Alderman Doliver explained that due to the continuous increase in minimum wage pool hours have been decreased and will almost need to be in the future. Also discussed he will be working with the City Attorney on finalizing Carnrike Park in the near future. Neighbors have expressed interest on meeting to discuss future plans I/E lighting, equipment and fencing.

Motion to Adjourn @8:00 pm by T. French 2nd by S. Sutton, all ayes.

Next meeting scheduled for March 28,2018

** Action item for Council

2018 Participation Numbers

Ice Skating Facility Opened 12/15/17 Last day 2/9/18
Open 35 out of a possible 56 days during that time

Days Open

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
13	15	7

Number of Skaters (1191 Total)

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
648	434	109

Open Days of the week

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
3	4	5	7	5	6	5

Ice rink closed one weekend due to extreme cold and dangerous wind chills in January.

Ice rink closed 3 weekends due to warm temperatures and rain.

When closed due to rain, it would take several days of cold to refreeze to suitable conditions.

Skating Facility 2017 Winter

Month	Days Open	Skaters
December	1	71
January	10	628
February	6	340
	17	1,039

(Winter of 2016 open 13 days with 869 rink visitors)