

Parks Commission
March 9, 2009

Present:	G. Harrington- Chairperson	S. Chase
	R. DeMarko	C. Sprague
	F. Hailey	G. Brummel
	M. Williams	Bob Mason- Youth Bureau Director

Bob Mason addressed the Commission with a report on the Ice skating rink. He handed out a summary of the rink usage. In January the rink was open for 16 days with 1013 skaters and in February 21 days with 1461 skaters.

He said the busiest times were the weekends. He said he and the volunteers spent a lot of time cleaning off and spraying the rink. Mark explained to the Commission that Public Works does not work on weekends except for emergencies. Also that overtime funds were not available for rink maintenance after regular hours.

Bob told the Commission that he and volunteers have been doing the cleaning and spraying on weekends for the last 12 years he has been Youth Bureau Director. He said that he is not sure he will be able to do it next season. The Commission recognized that he had put several hours in, beyond his regular schedule, maintaining the rink.

Commission members asked Bob to come up with a yearly average of the hours he and volunteers spend at the rink. The Commission members said they would like to see if there would be community interest to generate funds needed to supplement the time spent at the rink beyond what DPW employees are able to.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as written. No trial balance was received. G. Harrington said he and Bill Roberts discussed having quarterly balances only.

East/West Park-

S. Chase said that electrical quotes were being looked at.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. **The next meeting will be on April 13th At the DPW Facility on Hale St. at 7:00pm.**