

Parks Commission
September 10, 2012

Present: G. Harrington S. Sutton
B. Doliver C. Sprague
C. Chrisler M. Williams
Visitor- Eric Larson

Eric Larson told the Commission that he was representing Norwich Pharmaceuticals who is celebrating their 175th anniversary. They would like to commemorate this by making a donation to Norwich in the form of a downtown project. The proposed project would be to replace the fountain, benches and lighting in Gordon Park. They monetary donation is \$20,000.00. The benches and lighting would match East and West Parks.

S. Sutton made a motion to except and support the concept of renovation of Gordon Park fountain, benches and lighting with a 3rd plaque installed to recognize the donation. The lights and benches to match East and West Parks and the fountain to fit the area of the existing one. The motion was seconded by C. Crisler. All ayes.

Discussion- The Commission expressed that attention be made to respect the Gordon Family with regard to their generous contribution of Gordon Park and the fountain.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as written. C. Chrisler motioning to approve and C. Sprague seconding.

S. Sutton asked where the money set aside for the resurfacing of the tennis courts was. Mark told him that it was used to go towards improvements for the Pool.

The Commission looked over a report by Bob Mason on the Pool usage this year. They concurred that it was a very well written report. They said they a fee for swimmers should not apply as the number of swimmers living outside of the City was minimal.

B. Doliver made a motion that the Commission does not support an individual usage fee for Kurt Beyer Pool. It was seconded by C. Sprague. All ayes.

B. Doliver said that he is concerned with the conditions of the bathrooms at Weiler Park. Mark told him that during the summer they are cleaned and stocked daily. Mark said that they are often vandalized and users leave them in terrible condition. B. Doliver suggested that groups or the City look into closing them and using rental units for events.

S. Sutton said the Chenango Greenway Conservancy Group is interested in sponsoring Kiwanis Park. They would like to look into upgrading the equipment and the pavilion. Representatives will attend the next meeting to address the Commission.

S. Sutton said during Colorscape he talked to Peggy Finnegan who had received many positive comments on the new renovations to the downtown parks. The only negative

comment was from the local dance group who were unable to use the area under the gazebo roof as water pools there after a rain.

Correspondence-

Valley Heights Christian Academy requests the use of the Fields at Weiler Parks for their soccer program. It was approved. C. Sprague motioning and B. Doliver seconding.

There will be no meeting in October because of the Holiday. The next meeting will be November 12th at 7:30pm.