



Gates Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting December 8, 2020



Those in attendance:

Commissioners:	Rhoda Ride	Rob Keister	John Unson
	Eileen Andrews	Steve Murphy	Greg Westbrook
Director:	Dan Hoock		
Town Board Liaison:	Chris DiPonzio		
Not in attendance:	Brom Bianchi		

This meeting was conducted via email. The meeting information was sent to each Commissioner on December 8 with the request that each respond back to Dan Hoock using the “reply all” key so everyone could see their input. These minutes are based on those replies. The format of these minutes will reflect the responses of those Commissioners who have given their input.

Approval of the November Commission meeting minutes:

Approval: Rob Keister, Greg Westbrook, Rhoda Ride, John Unson, Eileen Andrews and Steve Murphy
 No approval: None
 Abstention: None

Financial Report:

Dan Hoock reported the following highlights:

- * Longevity pay for full time staff was recorded in the November column
- * Projection of year end budget savings will be approximately \$180,000. Spending for 2020 is approximately \$308,000 (from budgeted amount of \$916,000) and income is approximately \$108,000
- * Pandemic restrictions impacted a great deal this year, but overall, the programming done was successful

Input from Commissioners:

None noted at this time

Correspondence:

A “thank you” note from the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester was shared. This acknowledgement note reflected the recent donation of hundreds of food items collected during the recent “Gobble Wobble” event. Dan Hoock and Stacie Paris brought the non-perishable donations to the cupboard for distribution to those in need.

Input from Commissioners:

None noted at this time

Programming:

Dan Hoock reported that both child and adult activity totes were available for purchase. So far, 8 totes have been sold to residents. Very few programs are currently running due to pandemic restrictions.

Input from Commissioners:

Rhoda Ride: please check number of people registered for tote program. Numbers need to be corrected.

Old Business:

Dan Hoock shared the following information:

- * The Dept. bus has been repaired and is back.
- * A map of the Wegman Rd. park was sent with three suggested placements for the new proposed pavilion replacement. The placement suggestions are as follows:
 - a. restructure in same area, and leave the same size.
 - b. restructure in the same area but enlarge the footprint by expanding either north or west, or both.
 - c. build a new structure to a back area of the park.
 - d. consider new bathroom facilities.
- * Veterans Day event was small but very nice.
- * Conferences (ACA & GVRPS) have been virtual
- * Gobble Wobble event had almost 100 participants and went very well. Food donations were shared with The Community Food Cupboard of Rochester.

- * The holiday kick-off was great fun and feedback was positive. A brief overview of activities was shared. This activity will be considered again in the future.
- * Dan plans to meet with the town supervisor and the buildings and grounds staff over the winter concerning the status of the park bathrooms to develop a functional plan for improvement of their status in 2021.

Input from Commissioners:

John Unson: Glad to hear the holiday kick-off went so well. Would like to discuss in more detail.

Rob Keister: So thankful for the food donation to the the city to help them serve those who is in need. Input on Wegman Rd. park included:

- * Keep pavilion placement the same, but enlarge the building
- * Upgrade electrical to meet the needs of larger facility
- * Increase in size and improve the maintenance of the bathroom facilities
- * Better landscape maintenance needs to be addressed related to tree trimming, etc.

Greg Westbrook: Glad food collection was donated to such a good cause...good job! Input on Wegman Rd. park included:

- * Keep pavilion placement the same, but enlarge the facility
- * Add a second structure towards the back of the property as an additional option for use.

Rhoda Ride: Input on Wegman Rd. park included:

- * Keep pavilion placement the same, but enlarge and upgrade the facility
- * Add a second structure towards the back of the property to offer an option distanced from first pavilion
- * Upgrade the bathroom facility options and consider adding another bathroom at site

Eileen Andrews: Glad to hear the food collected went to a good cause. Input on Wegman Rd. park included:

- * Keep pavilion placement where it currently is, but enlarge it in size

Steve Murphy: Input on Wegman Rd. park included:

- * Keep pavilion placement the same, but enlarge the footprint
- * Consider upgrading bathrooms

New Business:

Dan Hoock shared the upcoming winter brochure is a work in progress and they are looking at new and inventive ways to reach the community outreach.

Input from Commissioners:

None noted at this time

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Dan Hoock: Shared reflective holiday thoughts and wished everyone a good holiday season and new year.

John Unson: Happy holidays! Here's hoping we get back to normalcy in 2021.

Rob Keister: Shared concerns about improving maintenance of bathrooms for 2021. Also wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Greg Westbrook: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Rhoda Ride: Please stay well and healthy. Happy Holidays!

Eileen Andrews: Happy Holidays to everyone!

Steve Murphy: Wishing everyone a happy holiday and a healthy new year!

Valerie Young: Wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with good health and happiness.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12. It will again be done via email.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Young - Secretary