

Reimagining Canton Recreation
Meeting #3 – Tuesday, January 19, 2021
NOTES

Following review of what we have/value and what we want/where the gaps are – how do we get where we want Canton recreation to be?

- Budget
- Facilities/resources/assets
- Partners

1. Tim reviewed the [recreation budget breakdown](#)

2. Group identified [community recreation assets](#)

- Important to identify what is municipal and what is not
- What community resources get municipal support?

3. Discussed current and potential partners

Cooperative Extension	ALCOA/Reynolds
TAUNY (arts)	People Project (Lisbon Beach)
Deep Root Center	Service clubs, e.g. Rotary, etc.
GardenShare	Universities
Local businesses	Greek, CBL, outing clubs, sports teams
PASNY	SLU Buddies
NYPA	Canton Central
Corning	Individuals, e.g., lessons, classes

- Requires coordination, cooperation, and communication
- Is there sufficient admin support for that function?
- Recreation groups, e.g., Peewees, Hoopsters, hockey – who is doing what? who is coordinating what? are programs competing with each other for resources?

4. How to pay for it?

- Need \$\$ to repair/maintain what we have and develop/enhance new
- Facilities and programs envisioned may be beyond current municipal budget capacity
- Would taxpayers support a substantial increase?
- Friends of Canton Recreation – tap into local people, residents/taxpayers
- Need reserve funds in budget for maintenance
- More programming would bring more money; how to staff that increase

5. More ideas

- Consult with other recreation programs - Potsdam, Massena, Malone
- Strategic plan
- Consultant to evaluate/advise on program development