

CITY OPERATIONS

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Room 119 – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Witte, Alderman Dougherty, and Alderman Crawford. Others: Alderman Andreano; Alderman Gonzalez; Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Keri Stephen, Community Development Program Coordinator; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Bob Bell, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman George, who was excused.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, June 4, 2019)

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Referrals for Consideration

a. King Street Park Presentation

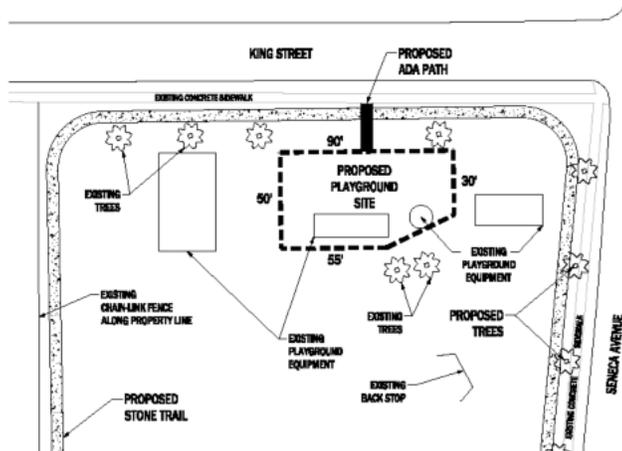




Ms. Stephen explained that the City of Olean has received \$15,000 in funding for the King Street Park Project from KaBoom!, Keurig and Dr. Pepper.



Ms. Stephen explained that the large wooden play structure that is currently located within the park will remain, and Alderman Andreano asked if this structure is safe. Mr. Ring explained that it is a pressure treated structure, but that it is older, so chemicals have leached out of the wood. He explained that the structure is also allowed by law to remain in the park.



Ms. Stephen explained that they tried to be creative when ordering equipment, including ordering castle themed equipment for “King” Street.



Project Budget

▶ Playground Equipment	\$41,005	Funding Sources	
▶ Site Preparation	\$ 6,550	▶ KaBOOM! / Let's Play	\$15,000
▶ Fall Protection	\$10,000	▶ City Committed Funds	\$25,050
▶ Trees	\$1,500	▶ DPW Funds	\$20,005
▶ Installation	\$ 3,000	▶ DPW In-Kind	\$ 3,000
▶ Opening Ceremony & Play Day	\$ 125	▶ Mayor	\$125
▶ Basketball Hoop & Pavement	\$1,000		
▶ Total Project	\$63,180	▶ Total Funding	\$63,180

Ms. Kerper explained that KaBoom! requires that a build day be held, which has been set for September 28, 2019, She explained that volunteers will be needed, and the project will start at 8 a.m. with a good amount of the work already being completed prior to that day by the Department of Public Works. She added that a ribbon cutting for the park will occur at 4 p.m. that day.

Alderman Andreano noted that the St. Bonaventure Women's Basketball Team has committed to help, and other teams may be interested as well.



Alderman Witte noted that she has photos from the park that was built in Salamanca under the same program if anyone would like to see them.

b. Discussion – North 7th Street City-Owned Property

Alderman Crawford presented photos from the sidewalk at a City-owned property on North 7th Street where the sidewalk is eroding away. He explained that he has asked DPW to put up barriers to prevent pedestrians from traveling on this area of sidewalk. He noted that this is also happening at an adjacent property that is not City-owned. He explained that the City needs to come up with a remedy to fix this, although he is not sure if the sidewalk can be saved. He added that the demo company did not do the City any favors, as their equipment damaged some of the sidewalk.

Alderman Witte asked if the house was filled in after demolition, and Alderman Crawford responded that it was filled in but that no cleanup work was done. Alderman Dougherty noted that the second photo shows a property that is not City-owned, and Alderman Crawford explained that the City still needs to put the property owner on notice of the situation.

Alderman Crawford asked if it makes sense, given how steep the hill is, to remove the sidewalk. He explained that the terrain is horrible, and Alderman Gonzalez asked if the terrain would dictate that blacktop would be more appropriate in the area. Alderman Crawford explained that removing the sidewalk would be the most economical option, and the other option is a massive, costly retaining wall. Mr. Ring explained that the area has been barricaded for the past six months and that any solution will be very costly. He feels that the best option would be to

remove the sidewalk, as this area has an erosion control issue. He noted that the blacktop would most likely move with the earth and would be out of compliance very quickly.

Alderman Crawford explained that he wanted to make the Council aware of the issue, and explained that he would follow up with Mayor Aiello and Mr. Ring to review options. Alderman Witte noted that if this property belonged to a homeowner, that the City would require that they fix or replace the sidewalk.

c. Discussion – Deer Management in City

Alderman Smith explained that he has received complaints for years about deer being a public nuisance in the City. He explained that the DEC has a management program that is really active in suburbs like those near Buffalo, and Ryan Rockefeller from the DEC is willing to come and discuss the program with the Council. He explained that “culling” is the way to control the population, which involves eliminating some of the population as the deer have no natural predators within the City. He explained that the program to bait and eliminate would most likely take place in January or February, and that safety is the number one concern.

Alderman Andreano added that the Health Department should be included in the discussion because of the Lyme Disease risk that increases with the increase in the deer population.

Alderman Smith explained that he sent an email to the Council that included an overview of the program, and he will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Rockefeller to discuss it further.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.