

# Gates Recreation & Park Commission

May 12, 2026

3PM - 4PM

Meeting at Recreation Department

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review of April's meeting minutes (5 minutes)
3. Review of financial information (5 minutes)
4. Unfinished/Old business: (10 -15 minutes)
  - a. Review of recent programming:
    1. Clean up day at Westgate Park - how did it go?
    2. Badges & Buckets event - Westgate Park - how did it go?
    3. Gardening around park signage at all parks - any volunteers?
    4. Ongoing classes winding down for this session?
5. New Business: (10-15 minutes)
  - a. Update of planning for Summer Celebration June, 2026?
  - b. Update on Park status for the season:
    1. Are all parks open now...including bathrooms?
    2. What are the conditions of the grounds since we've been having so much rain?
    3. Lyons Park: bathroom replacement on schedule? swing set installation?
    4. Memorial Park: replacement playground on schedule?
    5. First Responders Park: ongoing concern over the barrels in the pond?
    6. Any other plans for park improvements on the calendar for this summer?
  - c. Summer Camp program:
    1. Update on numbers of registrants at each campsite
    2. Staffing list to review (if available)
    3. Food program - will the school district still be bringing food to all the campsites?
  - d. Farmers Market options at Town
    1. Will there be a set date (s?) each month for this to occur?
    2. Advertising so people are aware this event is available for them to visit?
    3. Foodlink Truck? When will it be visiting?
  - e. Budget meeting for planning of 2027 budget requests? Input from Commissioners?
  - f. Memorial Day Ceremony - representation of Commission (Christine Maurice)
  - g. "Music & Merriment" presentation at GCMS - free tickets are available (5/16/26 - 4PM)
6. Other (5 minutes)
  - a. Should the Commission be looking for a specific project to get involved with?  
Suggestions could include some of the following:
    1. This could be a project in one of the parks (e.g. - upgrading current facilities?)
    2. Add some special features to enhance the park experience?
    3. Getting more involved with community needs? Hinchey House?
    4. Researching where funding could be gotten from for projects?
7. Close meeting by 4PM