

Parks and Property Committee
Town of Holland, Sheboygan County Wisconsin
Thursday, September 28, 2023, 2:55 p.m.

The Parks and Property meeting was called to order at 2:55 pm by Chairman Doug Hamilton.

Attending: Doug Hamilton, Chairman; Kelly Caswell, committee member; Nate Voskuil, Director of Public Works

Nate Voskuil confirmed the meeting notice was posted on September 27, 2023 at 11:00 am in three locations and on the town's website.

Review/Discussion on Recycling Center Hours:

Nate had prepared a brief survey that was handed out by the Recycling Center attendants for several Saturdays:

- 1) Would you like to see the Town of Holland Recycling Center have open hours of operation on a weekday late afternoon/evening along with shorter hours of operation on Saturdays?

Circle One: **YES** **NO**

- 2) If yes to the above question, would you like to see the weekday/Saturday hours continued year around or for a shortened time frame to cover portions of Spring, Summer and/or Fall?

Circle One: **Year Around** **Shortened**

90 of 175 surveys were returned. For question 1, 74 favored opening on a weekday and on Saturday with shorter hours, 16 voted "No" - keeping the schedule as it is.

For Question 2, of those who voted for weekday hours, 50 voted for year-round weekday hours, 22 voted for seasonal weekday hours.

Discussion of Year-round versus seasonal weekday hours followed.

- For year-round operation, additional lighting would be required on the ramp for wintertime operation.
- We don't expect an increase in weekly tonnage for being open on a weekday.
- Probably will not require an additional transportation trip for being open on a weekday.
- It is unlikely that lighting for the ramp could be installed in time to start the weekday schedule this winter.
- Nate will review scheduling so everybody gets 8 hours although the hours may not be in the same pay period.
- Publicity of the new hours: local publication, town website, signage at the R/C and Facebook.

For 2024, it is recommended that from May 1 through Labor Day, the Recycling Center would be open Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. From January 1 to April 30th and Labor Day to December 31, 2024, the R/C would be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the current hours.

This will give a trial period to evaluate operation, possible additional costs, attendant scheduling, and public reception.

After Labor Day in 2024, we will review operations of the weekday openings and determine hours for 2025.

Misc. Business as related to the Recycling Center:

- The new attendant shelter is anticipated to be installed by November.
- 4 tires were picked up from roadside ditches, otherwise there has been minimal trash.

Adjourn:

Motion by Kelly, 2nd by Hamilton to adjourn; passed by voice vote, adjourned at 3:55 pm.