

STAFF REPORT PublicHearing 3-15-22

AGENDA ITEM #:

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COUNCIL MTG OF:

March 1, 2022

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Acceptance of Gift from Jason Flood Memorial Foundation

PURPOSE: Authorization by the Town Council to designate the Town Administrator to accept donations to the Alexander Carr Skate Park.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Town Council is urged to accept this donation after the March 15, 2022, public hearing.

BACKGROUND: Town Council has approved funds to build a new skate park at Alexander Carr Park. Design work will be initiated in March 2022 and construction to begin in Summer 2022.

DISCUSSION: With the construction of the skate park by the end of 2022, there is excitement that the skate park will draw skaters from around the region. The non-profit group, Friends of the Derry Skate Park, were instrumental in promoting interest in the revitalization of the skate park. The Parks & Recreation division will manage and maintain the skate park during and after construction. The non-profit group and the Town will closely collaborate in the future success of the park. It is anticipated that the park will host events and serve as regional attraction.

Another non-profit, the Jason Flood Memorial Foundation, assisted the Friends of Derry Skate Park by serving as a repository for the funds raised. Approximately \$10,605.89 is available to be donated to the Town's Recreation division for the purpose of supporting future events at the skate park. Their donation will be earmarked toward items that may be needed for community gathering events and other skating related activities. The funds will be managed through the Recreation division with input from the Friends of the Derry Skate Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: None, this is a very generous gift to the Town to promote healthy activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY TOWN COUNCIL: Vote to authorize the Town Administrator to accept approximately \$10,605.89 in donations from the Jason Flood Memorial Foundation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See attached Resolution #2022-023.