

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of The Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on December 1, 2010.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairperson
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley, Vice Chair
Leg. Thomas Barraga
Leg. Ricardo Montano
Leg. Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Ben Zwirn, County Executive's Office
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office
Joe Montouri, Commissioner of Parks Department
Steve Tricaraco, Aide to County Executive
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Bob Martinez, Aide to Leg. Montano
Dennis Brown, County Attorney's Office
Marge Acevedo, Presiding Officer Aide
Donald G. Fisher, Railroad Museum
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:09 AM

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Good morning and welcome to the Parks and Recreation Committee. We'll start with the Pledge to the flag led by Legislator Montano.

SALUTATION

Good afternoon. We do have a speaker or a member of the public that would like to address us, Donald G. Fisher.

MR. FISHER:

Good afternoon. My name is Donald G. Fisher. And I am the President of the Railroad Museum of Long Island at 440 Fourth Street, Greenport, New York and 416 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead.

I'm here this afternoon to speak in favor of the introduced resolution number 2143. I would like to thank our Legislator, Mr. Ed Romaine, for presenting the resolution. I would like to thank the Committee for considering the resolution to pass up to the Legislature.

The Museum is in need of this piece of surplus equipment due to the fact that in railroading everything is very, very heavy. And currently we have nothing that we can use to easily pick up these heavy pieces of equipment and appliances to move them around the property in our efforts to restore and take care of many of the pieces that we have from the history of Long Island.

The museum is aware that this piece of equipment is where-is/as-is and our volunteers are prepared to put time and effort from the museum into getting the machine to work and to maintain it so that we may use it on our property at Riverhead.

So I speak in favor of the proposed resolution. And, again, I thank the Committee for taking it up and hopefully you'll be in favor of it. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you, Mr. Fisher. Is there anybody else that would like to address the Committee? Commissioner, did you want to address the Committee about any of the legislation?

COMMISSIONER MONTUORI:

No. I just have some bad news. We had to cancel the duck lighting for this evening due to the weather.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Well, that is sad, yes. Thank you. Nothing else that you would like to address?

COMMISSIONER MONTUORI:

Not at this time. I agree with everything, the resolutions laid on the table.

LEG. MONTANO,

When you say the weather, do you mean the earthquake or the rain?

COMMISSIONER MONTUORI:

The rain unfortunately. Probably the duck would do okay.

LEG. MONTANO:

Okay, the duck survived, okay.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Having said that, then I guess we can go into the tabled resolutions. **1950, Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law strengthening the Social Host Law to deter the consumption of alcohol by minors within the Suffolk County Park System. (Co. Exec.)** I believe that's still in public hearing so I will make a motion to table.

LEG. MONTANO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? **1950 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1978, Naming the Blockhouse in Theodore Roosevelt County Park "The Hilda Lindley House". (Schneiderman) I believe the Naming Committee has passed that out?

LEG. STERN:

Madam Chair, the Sitings Committee considered 1978 yesterday and it was approved out of our Committee.

LEG. MONTANO:

Can I ask a question?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. MONTANO:

Just for my information, who is Hilda Lindley? Can you tell me who she was or is? Just curious.

MR. NOLAN:

Yeah, the resolution talks about the role she played in the preservation of the 1100 acres that is Theodore Roosevelt County Park. She played a leading role in that. For many years after that she actually lived in the park at the house that is going to be named in her honor. But basically this is to really recognize her leading role in creating the park itself.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I'll take a motion for 1978.

LEG. STERN:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Stern, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? **1978 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTION

Introductory resolution 2090, Naming a trail at Lakeland County Park as "The Suffolk County Veterans Purple Heart Trail". (Co. Exec.) Again, Legislator Stern, was this in the Naming Committee yesterday?

LEG. STERN:

Madam Chair, this was before us in the Naming Committee yesterday and it was approved.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay, the naming was approved. So I will take a motion. Legislator Stern? Motion by Legislator Stern, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? **2090 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

2093, Authorizing Site License Agreement to Strawberry Fields, site Town of Southold. (Romaine) I believe -- Counsel?

MR. NOLAN:

I spoke to Legislator Romaine's office a few moments ago. And they've asked that this be tabled.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I make a motion to table, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? **2093 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

2135, Appropriating funds in connection with improvements at County Golf Courses - West Sayville (CP 7166) (Co. Exec.). I will make that motion. Okay, we're still on 2135? We're good? Okay. Appropriating funds in connection with improvements at County Golf Courses, West Sayville. Who made the motion? Motion by Legislator Stern, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? **2135 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

2136, Appropriating funds in connection with Computerized Reservation System (POS) in County parks (CP 7169) (Co. Exec.). I'll make that motion, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? **2136 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

2143, Authorizing transfer of surplus County equipment to the Railroad Museum of Long Island. (Romaine) I will make that motion.

LEG. MONTANO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? 2143 goes to the Legislature on Tuesday. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Is there anybody else that wants to address the Committee? If not, I'll make a motion to adjourn, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? We're adjourned.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:16 PM