

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislature Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on October 3, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman
Leg. Ricardo Montano, Vice Chair (absent)
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley
Leg. Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk
Robert Doering, Budget Review Office
Marie Berkoski, County Executive's Office
Gregory Dawson, Commissioner/Parks Department
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:10 PM

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Good afternoon. We'll start the meeting of Parks & Recreation with the Pledge to the Flag led by Legislator Hahn.

SALUTATION

Okay. I do not see any cards from the public today. And I see the Commissioner sitting up here. Did you want to address us or are you just waiting just in case?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I'm just waiting just in case.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. This should not be so painful today. We'll go right to the agenda. Okay.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

First **Tabled Resolutions 1700, Repealing twilight fee at County beaches. (Browning)** I'll make a motion to table. Is there a second?

LEG. HAHN:

Second.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? **1700 is tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. MONTANO ABSENT)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Introductory Resolutions 1902, Accepting the donation of two (2) all-terrain vehicles from the Central Pine Barrens Commission for use by the Suffolk County Parks Police. (Co. Exec.) That sounds good. I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? **1902 is approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. MONTANO ABSENT)**

1906, Amending prior capital authorized appropriations for the historic restoration and preservation at Third House, Theodore Roosevelt County Park, Montauk (CP 7510). (Schneiderman) Any motions?

LEG. HAHN:

Can you just explain -- first request I make where I've asked you to explain --

MR. NOLAN:

You've done it.

LEG. HAHN:

(Laughter)

MR. NOLAN:

This has taken actually an old 2005 resolution -- Capital Project resolution and basically making a correction moving money from planning \$50,000 into the actual improvements of sites and buildings at Third House, Montauk. So, it's really --

LEG. STERN:

There's really nothing new happening here. It's taking from one part of the line and transferring it to another part of the line. And this was already in the Capital Budget.

MR. NOLAN:

This goes back to 2005 so -- yeah, this --

LEG. HAHN:

But the money didn't get lost or anything. It's still there for us. It's not new money?

MR. NOLAN:

No new money. It's just -- money was appropriated moving it between two parts of the project.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

And why do it now? I mean, it's not going to be done, right?

MR. NOLAN:

No, I think it is being done; may have already been done for all I know. But it's just to make it jive with what actually happened in terms of how they spent the money.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah, we have -- we have a balance of about \$560,000 in that account, but we have no planning money. So we're looking to move 50,000 from construction into planning so we can move forward, get some design work on the floor, so.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion to approve by Legislator Hahn, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? **1906 is approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. MONTANO ABSENT)**

1912, Amend Resolution No. 764-2012, use of Southaven County Park for Craig Elberth Cross Country 5k Run. (Browning)

LEG. HAHN:

Motion.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, all that is is a date change. Motion by Legislator Hahn, second by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? **1912 is approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. MONTANO ABSENT)**

Okay. I guess we are adjourned. Unless anybody else has any further business with the commission, we are adjourned.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I do have one -- actually two housekeeping notes. For Legislator Horsley, I have a draft copy of the RFEI for the historic house projects which I'll give to you after the meeting.

And you had asked at the last meeting if we could put the mirror up at Indian Island. It came in yesterday. It should have -- it should be installed as we speak.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Oh, that's great. No, it's the mirror in the tunnel which is dangerous. I could see -- I can see one of those carts just going in the drink.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

It should be done today.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Thanks for doing it so fast, Greg.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

The Elwood or --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I have both the Elwood Schoolhouse and the Black Duck Lodge, yes.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Great. Thanks.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:15 PM
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