

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 September 4, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman
Leg. Lou D'Amaro, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley
Leg. Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

DuWayne Gregory, 15th Legislative District
Kate Browning, 3rd Legislative District
George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Robert Doering, Budget Review Office
Greg Dawson, Commissioner/Parks Department
William Shilling, Legislative Aide
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern
Justin Littell, Aide to Leg. D'Amaro
Thomas Vaughn, County Executive's Office
Marie Berkoski, County Executive Aide
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory
John Pavacic, Executive Director Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

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(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:20 PM)

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. We'll start the Parks and Recreation Committee with the Pledge to the flag led by Legislator Hahn.

SALUTATION

Okay. Welcome to the Parks and Recreation Committee and we do have a card here from John Pavacic. John, how are you?

MR. PAVACIC:

I'm very good, thank you. Good day, Chairwoman Nowick, Vice Chair D'Amaro and Members of the Parks Committee.

My name is John Pavacic and I currently serve as the Executive Director of the Central Pine Barrens Commission. I am here today to demonstrate my support for introductory resolution number 1606 which proposes to rename Suffolk County's Pine Barrens Trail Center after the late Raymond P. Corwin.

I had the good fortune and honor of knowing Mr. Corwin for more than 18 years through our mutual work in planning, environmental protection and land preservation, including during my prior tenure as Suffolk County Parks Commissioner. He was a wonderful person and a vital public servant who was instrumental in not only the protection of the Central Pine Barrens area but also the preservation of open space and parkland throughout Suffolk County. Mr. Corwin was a tireless individual who dedicated a significant portion of his life to these causes and to the enhancement of the quality of life of the residents of this great County.

Both as the prior Executive Director of the Central Pine Barrens Commission and as a long-time member of Suffolk County Parks Trustees, including terms as Chair and Vice Chair, Mr. Corwin's efforts, dedication, perseverance, integrity and conscientiousness ensured that Suffolk County enjoys the incredible protected lands that exist today, from the Nassau County border to the eastern tips of both the North and South Forks.

Accordingly, it is truly fitting that the Pine Barrens Trail Center be rename after Mr. Corwin in recognition of his extensive and noteworthy contributions. It is all the more appropriate that the Pine Barrens Trail Center be the site selected for this tribute as it is consistent with Mr. Corwin's advocacy for public access to and appropriate recreational use of protected lands and thus is in keeping with his great legacy.

Therefore, I urge this Committee to approve this resolution to honor Mr. Corwin's memory.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Thank you. Does the Committee have any questions? Thank you, John.

MR. PAVACIC:

You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. There are no other cards. We'll go onto tabled resolutions. **Number 1411 - Appropriating funds in connection with fencing and surveying various County Parks (CP 7007).** (Hahn) Legislator Hahn, I believe this was yours, I think.

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LEG. HAHN:

Where are we?

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Commissioner is here with us.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Legislator. Yeah, the -- as we discussed at the last meeting the purchase order has been cut. We've been in contact with the contractor and he assured us it would be done in three to four weeks. And that was about three weeks ago so my assumption is during the next couple of weeks it should be -- it should be completed.

LEG. HAHN:

Oh, great. Let me know when it's done and I'll come down and say hello.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Will do.

LEG. HAHN:

Thank you. Sorry, motion to table.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion to table, I'll second that. All in favor? Opposed? **1411 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1430 - Appropriating funds in connection with the Historic Restoration and Preservation Fund (CP 7510). (Browning) I'll make a motion -- how come this was tabled? Commissioner, do you remember?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah, actually we allocated \$250,000 from this fund so there's no longer funds left.

LEG. STERN:

Madam Chair.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. STERN:

If I may. If I recall, Commissioner, the conversation that we had last time it was -- we were talking about the specific property here; but then we said that there were monies that were allocated for the planning process so that before there would be any appropriation for -- for the particular project, it would go through the planning process first so that we even have an idea as to what kind of funds may be allocated in the future. So I think we -- we had decided that this was premature because we were waiting for the -- for the planning process to take place, it would come back with -- with some kind of feasibility study and then we would go from there. That's my recollection anyway.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

That's correct. We appropriated -- we did appropriate some money out of this -- out of these funds for three specific sites.

LEG. STERN:

(Shaking head yes)

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

So we will once again make a motion to table.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **1430 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Introductory Resolution 1569 - Authorizing the use of Smith Point County Park, Cathedral Pines County Park, Southaven County Park, and Smith Point Marina by the Long Island 2 Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, Inc., for Breast Cancer Walk in 2014. (Browning).

Counsel, the appropriate fees have been put into the resolution?

MR. NOLAN:

Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

I'll make a motion to approve, second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **1569 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1590 - Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park for Mercy Center Ministries 5K Race. (Browning) Same thing with the fees?

MR. NOLAN:

Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1590 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1603 - Directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to develop a plan for the care and use of the Hilda Lindley House in Montauk County Park. (Schneiderman).

Commissioner, do you want to explain that just a little for us?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes. Legislator Schneiderman's asking for the parks -- Parks and Recreation they call it, and in conjunction with the Department of Public Works to come up with some kind of plan to rehabilitate the facility and put it into some kind of use. I'm going to respectfully request that this be tabled until I could have an opportunity to speak with Commissioner Anderson.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

That would be okay with me unless the Committee has a problem? I'll make a motion to table, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? **1603 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

1606 - Naming the Pine Barrens Trail Center after Raymond P. Corwin. (Krupski) That was

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the legislation we just heard John Pavacic speak on. I believe that this went through the Naming Committee?

LEG. STERN:

Yes, Madam Chair, this resolution came before the Siting's Committee and it was approved unanimously.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Do you want to make a motion?

LEG. STERN:

So I'll make the motion.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Stern, second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **1606 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1640 - Authorizing use of Cupsogue Beach County Park by the American Cancer Society, for the Amazedness Kite Fly Fundraiser. (Co. Exec.) Same thing with the fees, Counsel?

MR. NOLAN:

Yep.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. I'll make a motion to approve, second by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? **1640 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1695 - Advancing funding for the Babylon Town Historical Society. (Horsley)

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

I'd like to make a motion to discharge without recommendation with explanation if you want to get a second.

LEG. D'AMARO:

I'll second.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

There is a motion to discharge without recommendation, second by Legislator D'Amaro and we have explanation on the way.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Okay, on the way, this is, quickly, this is -- these are monies that are going through the -- and have been approved by the Hotel/Motel Tax, dollars that were planned for from last year. Apparently the Babylon Town Historical Society does not have the dollars to upfront the -- upfront the -- the project, which is a multi-legislative district project involving the Conklin grave -- graveyard that is located in Legislator Gregory's district and also the {Kaufman}, the {Kaufman} camp, which was located in -- or have, are very supportive of Legislator Stern and so it's more of like it's a three-way -- three-way jurisdiction here.

What has apparently happened, I thought that the Town of Babylon was going to funding the monies upfront and there's some confusion over that in the legislation. I will have it straightened out by Tuesday, if not I will table it on Tuesday, if that is all right with the -- and what it basically does is that they will -- hopefully they will upfront the dollars. But right now the way the bill reads is that they're just going to -- that we are going to upfront the Historical Society and I'm not sure that's

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quite correct, but I will have it all ironed out by then, by Tuesday, otherwise I will table it then.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? **1695 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)** Do you have anything else for the Committee?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, I think we're good. Thank you very much. We had a great -- very good season. Happy Labor Day.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, thank you. We are adjourned.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:30 PM
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