

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 Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Legislator Bill Lindsay III - Chairman

Legislator Kara Hahn - Vice-Chair

Legislator Tom Cilmi

Legislator Leslie Kennedy

Legislator Kevin McCaffrey

Excused:

Legislator Steve Stern

Also in Attendance:

Sarah Simpson - Assistant Counsel to the Legislature

Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

Alyssa Turano - Aide to Legislator Hahn

Ali Nazir - Aide to Legislator Kennedy

Laura Halloran - Budget Review Office

Greg Dawson - Commissioner/Suffolk County Department of Parks

Katie Horst - County Executive Assistant

All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken & Transcribed By:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

(The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Parks and Recreation committee meeting. If we could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Kennedy.

(*Salutation*)

Thank you, and welcome to the Parks and Recreation meeting. Before I begin, I just need to announce that Legislator Steve Stern has an excused absence today. Madam Clerk, do we have any respondent's cards?

MS. ELLIS:

No, we do not.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. Anyone from the audience that would like to speak during the public portion, please come forward. Not seeing anyone. We will close the public portion and go right into our tabled resolutions.

We'll start with tabled resolution **1371, Appropriating funds in connection with the Historic Restoration and Preservation Fund for the Cedar Island Lighthouse (CP 7510)(Fleming)**. I spoke with the sponsor last night, and she asked that we table this resolution for another cycle as they are still trying to work out some details. Commissioner Dawson, do you have any additional information on that?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, we just have a meeting scheduled. It's either June 3 or 4 at the lighthouse itself, so we will be able to make a decision after that.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. Great. I will make a motion to table. Second by Legislator Kennedy. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion tabled. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Stern)**

Moving on to our introductory resolutions, starting with **1405, Authorizing use of Old Field Farm for Gallery North's Wet Paint Festival (Hahn)**. Motion by Legislator Hahn. I'll second that. Before we do a vote on that, we're okay?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Everything is in order for this event, yes.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Just out of curiosity, what is a wet paint festival?

LEG. HAHN:

It's really a fabulous event. The artists paint en plein air, so outside, for three days. You can watch the paintings as they progress. It's a really fabulous thing, so for three days, the artists set up in outdoor locations, and people walk around and watch them paint. It's wonderful.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Is it done as a fundraiser, or this is just an event to support artists?

LEG. HAHN:

Yeah, it's a combination. I think we're just using the -- nope, we're using the parking as well as they're setting up.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

And it is a fundraiser. That's why we're here. That's why there's a resolution.

LEG. HAHN:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Stern)**

Introductory Resolution **1406, Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park for Mercy Center Ministries 5k Race (Browning)**. I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Hahn. Greg, we're okay with everything there?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Everything is in order.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Stern)**

1461, Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park property by Mastic Beach Ambulance Company for "Help Us Save You Program" (Browning). Same motion, same second. Greg, we're okay?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Everything's in order.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Can I ask a quick question?

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Sure.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes, Legislator.

LEG. KENNEDY:

This is excellent. We should be doing this for all our ambulance corps. County workers aren't collecting money for the fundraiser, correct?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No. What they do is they set up right at the toll plaza, and they collect -- it's a voluntary donation. The fire department also does it one weekend in the summer as well.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Beautiful. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

So did we call the vote on that?

MS. ELLIS:

No, we did not.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Stern).**

That is the end of our introductory resolutions. Commissioner, do you have anything you want to discuss?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I think we're good, unless there are any questions.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. Well, behalf of the committee, we just want to congratulate you on your retirement announcement and wish you well and sorry to see you go in September, but we got you for the rest of the summer at least.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

You have me through Labor Day.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. Well, good luck to you and honestly enjoy your retirement. You've done a great job within the Parks Department.

(Applause)

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Very good. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

With nothing left on the agenda, I'll make a motion to close. Thank you. We're adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.)