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**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 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Legislator Kara Hahn, Chairperson**  
Legislator William Lindsay III, Vice Chair  
Legislator Leslie Kennedy  
Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey (Excused Absence)  
Legislator Steve Stern (Excused Absence)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Amy Ellis, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature  
Alyssa Turano, Aide to Legislator Hahn  
Ali Nazir, Aide to Legislator Kennedy  
Deborah Harris, Aide to Legislator Stern  
Philip Berdolt, Commissioner/Parks Department  
Kimberly Barbour, Cornell Cooperative Extension

And all other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Kevin Gruebel, Court Stenographer

(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:32 P.M.)

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4 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

5 Hello, welcome, everyone. Welcome to the Legislature's Parks &  
6 Recreation Committee. If we can all rise for a salute to the flag  
7 led by Legislator Kennedy.  
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10 (Salutation)  
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13 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

14 Okay. There's no correspondence. Do we have any cards?  
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16 **MS. ELLIS:**

17 No, ma'am.  
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19 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

20 Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak during the  
21 Public Portion? Seeing none, we will close the Public Portion.  
22

23 We have no presentations today.  
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25 I know that the commissioner -- Parks Commissioner is here. If you  
26 want to come up, I know there's a question or two from the  
27 Committee. I don't know if you can give us -- I had -- was hoping  
28 that we maybe could just get an update or a timeline on the Parks  
29 Watch program and the hotline number that was going to get  
30 established.  
31

32 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

33 Yeah. We'll have it in hopefully soon before the 90 -- was it 90  
34 or 120 days?  
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36 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

37 I can't remember.  
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39 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

40 Whatever was on there, it will be in before.  
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42 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

43 Excellent.  
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45 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

46 So, we're still working on it.  
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48 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

49 Thank you very much. Were there other questions for the  
50 Commissioner while he's here? Okay. Thank you.  
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53 **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**  
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1 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

2 1312. Reappoint member to the Suffolk County Board of Trustees of  
3 Parks, Recreation and Conservation (Dawn Hopkins). (Kennedy) Parks  
4 and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17)

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6 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY:

7 Motion.

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9 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

10 Motion by Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator Lindsay. All  
11 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1312 is approved. (Vote:  
12 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)

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14 **Introductory Resolution 1313** -- oh, and I meant to say we have two  
15 excused absences today. Legislator Steve Stern and Legislator  
16 Kevin McCaffrey have excused absences. Back to the **Introductory**  
17 **Resolution 1313. Authorizing use of Indian Island County Park by**  
18 **the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for its Great Strides Walk**  
19 **Fundraiser. (County Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17**  
20 **EXP 10/25/17).** Motion by Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by  
21 Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
22 **It is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern**  
23 **not present.)**

24  
25 **Introductory Resolution 1314. Authorizing use of Blydenburgh**  
26 **County Park by the Curvy Girls Foundation, Inc. For its Straight**  
27 **Walk with Curvy Girls Walkathon Fundraiser. (County Executive)**  
28 **Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17) .**

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30 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY:

31 Motion.

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33 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

34 Motion by Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator Lindsay. All  
35 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1314 is approved. (Vote:  
36 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)

37  
38 **Introductory Resolution 1315. Authorizing use of Manorville Hills**  
39 **County Park by Paniagua Cycling, Inc. For its Head for the Hills**  
40 **Fundraiser. (County Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17**  
41 **EXP 10/25/17).** Same motion. Same second. Same vote. It is  
42 **approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not**  
43 **present.)**

44  
45 **Introductory Resolution 1316. Authorizing use of Smith Point**  
46 **County Park property by Mastic Beach Fire Department, Inc., for its**  
47 **Public Safety Services fund drive. (County Executive) Parks and**  
48 **Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17).** Same motion. Same second.  
49 **Same vote. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not**  
50 **present.)**

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52 **Introductory Resolution 1317. Authorizing use of Cathedral Pines**  
53 **County Park by Patchogue Arts Council, Inc. For its Jerry Jam Music**  
54 **Festival Fundraiser. (County Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT**  
55 **4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17).** Same motion. Same second. Same vote.  
56 **(Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)**

1 **Introductory Resolution 1318. Authorizing use of Southaven County**  
2 **Park by the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, Inc. For its BCAN Walk**  
3 **Fundraiser. (County Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17**  
4 **EXP 10/25/17). Same motion. Same second. Same vote. (Vote:**  
5 **3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)**  
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7 **Introductory Resolution 1319. Authorizing use of Charles F.**  
8 **Altenkirch County Park by the Suffolk Bicycle Riders Association**  
9 **for its Bike-Boat-Bike Fundraiser. (County Executive) Parks and**  
10 **Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17). That's one I have to get**  
11 **to. Same motion. Same second. Same vote. (Vote: 3-0-0-2.**  
12 **Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)**  
13

14 **Introductory Resolution 1320. Authorizing use of Cathedral Pines**  
15 **County Park by the Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc., for its American**  
16 **Kennel Club Dog Show Fundraiser. (County Executive) Parks and**  
17 **Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17). Same motion. Same second.**  
18 **Same vote. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not**  
19 **present.)**  
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21 **Introductory Resolution 1338. Amending Resolution No. 725-2014,**  
22 **authorizing execution of cooperative agreement and ancillary**  
23 **agreements with the Army Corps of Engineers and Cornell Cooperative**  
24 **Extension in connection with a restoration project at Cedar Beach**  
25 **County Park in Southold (SCTM No. 1000-093.00-02.00-002.004).**  
26 **(County Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP**  
27 **10/25/17). I want to make a motion on this one. Seconded**  
28 **by Legislator Kennedy. I don't know if we have anyone here to talk**  
29 **about this, but it's a really exciting project at Cedar Beach.**  
30 **Here, come on up if you'd like to -- I'm sorry. I couldn't see you**  
31 **behind the -- make sure the light is on, state your name, title,**  
32 **where you're from for the record, for the stenographer who's in**  
33 **front of you.**  
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35 **MS. BARBOUR:**

36 **Sure. I'm Kimberly Barbour. I'm with Cornell Cooperative**  
37 **Extension of Suffolk County's marine program, and we'd be the ones**  
38 **carrying out this great project should we move forward. A little**  
39 **bit of background, a couple of years ago at this point we wrote a**  
40 **grant application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to embark on**  
41 **this multifaceted habitat restoration project at Cedar Beach County**  
42 **Park. It would involve actually creating new marsh islands that'll**  
43 **serve as excellent habitat. We'd be re-vegetating those with**  
44 **spartina alterniflora, a local marsh grass species, doing extensive**  
45 **oyster-restoration works, putting out some oyster reefs and doing**  
46 **some plantings as well and doing some work with seagrass, not with**  
47 **eelgrass but with widgeon grass, Ruppia as we call it, which is a**  
48 **submerged aquatic vegetation, to help with the underwater habitat**  
49 **as well. So, in all, we'd be improving about 65 acres of the area**  
50 **that is designated as Cedar Beach County Park even though it's the**  
51 **wetland and some of the underwater lands. So, we'd be seeking**  
52 **approval to move forward with executing the cooperative agreement**  
53 **to get this project going hopefully.**  
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55 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

56 **And I've been touring as a relatively new Parks chair. I've been**

1 touring the County parks, and I went on a tour in March with  
2 Legislator Krupski, and one of the stops that we took was at Cedar  
3 Beach County Park, and I toured not only the park itself but the  
4 marine center there, and I climbed to the roof and got to see --  
5 you know, was told all about everything that's going to happen,  
6 where it's going to happen, and I highly recommend other Parks  
7 Committee members make it out there to take a look at all that's  
8 going on at the marine center and at Cedar Beach County Park.

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10 **MS. BARBOUR:**

11 Thank you. We'd love to have anyone.

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13 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

14 Any questions? Okay. We have a motion and a second. All those in  
15 favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1338 is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2.**  
16 **Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)** Thank you very much.

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18 **MS. BARBOUR:**

19 Thank you very much.

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21 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

22 **Introductory Resolution 1340. Approving a license agreement for**  
23 **Christina Gilson to reside in Blydenburgh County Park at Smithtown,**  
24 **New York 11787. (County Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT**  
25 **4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17).** Motion by Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by  
26 Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
27 **1340 is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and**  
28 **Stern not present.)**

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30 **Introductory Resolution 1341. Appropriating funds in connection**  
31 **with Fencing and Surveying Various County Parks (CP 7007). (County**  
32 **Executive) Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP 10/25/17). I'll**  
33 **make a motion.**

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35 **LEGISLATOR LINDSAY:**

36 Second.

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38 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

39 Seconded by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed?  
40 Abstentions? **1341 is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators**  
41 **McCaffrey and Stern not present.)**

42  
43 **Introductory Resolution 1369. To eliminate the camping amenity**  
44 **fee for disabled veterans (the "Suffolk County Thanks Our Disabled**  
45 **Veterans Act"). (Hahn) Parks and Recreation (LOT 4/25/17 EXP**  
46 **10/25/17).** I'll make a motion. Seconded by Legislator Kennedy.  
47 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1369 is approved.**  
48 **(Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators McCaffrey and Stern not present.)**

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50 With no further business before us, we are adjourned.

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53 **(THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:40 P.M.)**  
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