

1 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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7 SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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14 A regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the
15 Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa
16 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature
17 Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on
18 Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.
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21 Members Present:

- 22 Legislator Kara Hahn - Chairwoman
- 23 Legislator William J. Lindsay III
- 24 Legislator Susan A. Berland
- 25 Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey
- 26 Legislator Robert Trotta

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28 Also in Attendance:

- 29 Sarah Simpson - Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
- 30 Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
- 31 Alyssa Turano - Aide to Legislator Hahn
- 32 All Other Interested Parties

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34 Minutes Taken & Transcribed By:

35 Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer
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1 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

2 Hello. Welcome to the Legislature's Parks and Recreation
3 committee. If we could all rise for a salute to the flag led by
4 Legislator Lindsay.

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6 (Pledge)

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8 No correspondence. Public portion. Is there anyone in the
9 audience who would like to speak? Because we have no cards,
10 correct?

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12 **MS. ELLIS:**

13 Yes, correct.

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15 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

16 Seeing no one in the audience, we will close the public portion.
17 No appointment resolutions. No presentations today. Commissioner,
18 come on down. Just want to hear about the opening weekend. Big
19 bang three-day weekend for our parks.

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21 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

22 Yeah. Well, it was a three-day weekend but we only got two days
23 out of it.

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25 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

26 Maybe a day and a half.

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28 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

29 It went well, as well as could be expected with the weather. Our
30 concessionaire did well for his opening-day weekend, so we're
31 happy.

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33 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

34 I've heard -- have you gotten any feedback from patrons on the new
35 concessionaire?

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37 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

38 Just I saw some Facebook banter back and forth and they seem
39 positive. The opening day at Meschutt, there was a car show there,
40 and people were happy about that, and the band, I guess, they
41 liked.

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43 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

44 Yeah. I heard -- I heard some positive feedback about the line-up
45 of music, I think, if I remember the one comment that I had. Does
46 anyone have any questions for the commissioner after the holiday
47 weekend?

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49 **LEG. LINDSAY:**

50 Commissioner, just we always, unfortunately, we get hit with all
51 the complaints. I just wanted to pass along I got a compliment
52 about the bathrooms at Smiths Point and the condition of the
53 campsites. One of my constituents reached out to me, and he wanted
54 me to pass those along to you. Thank you for your hard work.

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56 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

1 Thank you.

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3 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

4 I do have to say, people were very happy last year as well. You're
5 really doing a bang-up job taking care of those bathrooms and
6 everything. There's always a door and a lock that doesn't work,
7 but you get on it.

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9 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

12:36PM 10 Or a leaking sink. Thank you.

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12 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

13 Anyone else? No. Okay. Thank you. Thank you to everyone in the
14 Parks Department who works really hard to make these weekends
15 special for our residents. We live on Long Island because of our
16 wonderful recreational opportunities, and you guys really make a
17 difference in people's lives by giving them these terrific places
18 to visit.

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12:36PM 20 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

21 Yeah, and I do have to say it's my staff; they are the ones. I'm
22 just standing here. They're the ones out there doing the work and
23 cleaning and getting bit by ticks and covered in poison ivy, you
24 know, that kind of them. So, you know, I really have to hand it to
25 them. They are an excellent staff.

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27 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

28 And so I kept talking and now Rob wants to say something.
29 Legislator Trotta.

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31 **LEG. TROTTA:**

32 How many, like, part-time people do you hire for the summer?

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34 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

35 A little over 400.

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37 **LEG. TROTTA:**

38 Is it hard to find them, or is it pretty easy?

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12:37PM 40 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

41 We get a lot of repeat. You know, you usually get from high school
42 to college kids. We do have a difficult time on the east end. We
43 actually have a very hard time finding people. We've tried work
44 fairs. We just recently went out to the East Hampton High School
45 fair that they had, employment fair, and not one person visited our
46 booth, unfortunately. I guess it isn't appealing to get out there
47 with a weedwhacker.

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49 **LEG. TROTTA:**

12:38PM 50 Is it mostly what it is, like maintenance or mowing?

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52 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

53 Yeah, yeah, or it could be working inside at the check-in station
54 or doing some work on our reservation system, selling green keys,
55 that kind of thing; but most of it is out in the field.

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1 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

2 Are you looking for part-time work, Legislator Trotta?

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4 **COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:**

5 Yeah, if you know anybody, we're hiring on the east end.

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7 **LEG. TROTТА:**

8 I can't get the work at my own house done.

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10 **CHAIRWOMAN HAHN:**

11 I know. Tell me about it. Okay. Thank you.

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13 **Tabled Resolutions.**

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15 **1323, Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York,**
16 **authorizing the issuance of \$1,500,000 Bonds to finance the cost of**
17 **Removal of Toxic and Hazardous Materials in County Parks (CP**
18 **7185.320).** Motion to table. I'll make a motion to table.
19 Seconded by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed?
20 Abstentions? **IR 1323 is tabled (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

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22 **Introductory Resolutions.**

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24 **1406, Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park property by Mastic**
25 **Beach Ambulance Company for "Help Us Save You Program" (Sunderman).**
26 Motion by Legislator McCaffrey. Second by Legislator Trotta. All
27 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1406 is approved. (VOTE:**
28 **5-0-0-0)**

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30 **IR 1407, Authorizing use of Smith Point County Park by the**
31 **Community Family Literacy Project, Inc.** Same motion, same second,
32 same vote. **Approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

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34 **IR 1415, Authorizing use of Cathedral Pines County Park in Middle**
35 **Island by Long Island ABATE, Inc. For its LI ABATE Campout**
36 **Fundraiser (County Executive).** I'll make a motion, second by
37 Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1415 is**
38 **approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

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40 **IR 1418, Authorizing use of the Long Island Maritime Museum in West**
41 **Sayville by the Rotary Club of Sayville for their Annual Beefsteak**
42 **Fundraiser (County Executive).** Motion by Legislator Lindsay.
43 Seconded by Legislator Berland. All in favor? Opposed?
44 Abstentions? **1418 is approved (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

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46 **IR 1419, Authorizing use of Gardiner County Park in West Bay Shore**
47 **by Mission 22 for its Dog Tag Run Fundraiser (County Executive).**
48 Motion by Legislator McCaffrey. Second by Legislator Trotta. All
49 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1419 is approved (VOTE:**
50 **5-0-0-0).**

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52 **IR 1420, Authorizing use of Southaven County Park in Brookhaven by**
53 **Mercy Center Ministries, Inc., for its Mercy 5k Trail Run for**
54 **Homeless Youth (County Executive).** I'll make a motion. Seconded
55 by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
56 **1420 is approved (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).**

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2 No further business before us. We are adjourned.

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4 (The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.)
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