

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2011
TIMBER POINT COUNTRY CLUB
GREAT RIVER, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Vice Chairman, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Chairman, Town of Islip
Kathleen Gooding, Ph.D.	Trustee, Town of Shelter Island
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Debra Kolyer	Member of the Board
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
Michael J. Domino	Trustee, Town of Southold

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph Montuori	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Jim Barr	Superintendent
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Paulette Santora	Clerk Typist

GUESTS

Lauretta Fischer	Chief Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Janet Longo	Acquisitions Supervisor, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Management
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

PUBLIC PORTION

There were not any members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2011

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White seconded by Trustee McKay. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- The Budget has been approved. There is an increase in marina fees that was approved by the Trustees. There will be an increase in vehicle fees by \$3. They are also increasing the unlimited parking stickers by \$10.
- They are laying off 88 people, parks has 7 people being laid off. It is not a happy thing to do; too bad they didn't come up with union concessions.
- October was a good month but golf is still down. State Parks is offering a reduced golf rate so you can see that everyone is down with golf rounds.
- The Big Duck Lighting is November 30th at 7 pm.
- Happy Thanksgiving.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee McKay spoke about the Marion Carll Property. The School Board is trying to sell it but it must be kept as an educational facility. The School Board put out an RFP but got no responses. They School District may abandon it and then it goes back to the family who may ultimately abandon it. It is approximately 7 acres.

Trustee McKay spoke about the Williams Estate in Cold Spring Harbor. This is a proposed acquisition. This is a fantastic piece of property and hopefully the acquisition can move forward. Lauretta indicated that this property was on Master List I and has passed through committee. It will go before the full Legislature next week for acquisition.

Trustee Sickles asked for a status update on IR 1815-2011 – Establishing a Historic Structure Restoration Pilot Program. The Commissioner said that it passed through Parks Committee this week and will go before the full Legislature next week.

Trustee White notified the Trustees that the Saturday after Thanksgiving at 5:15 p.m., we will be lighting the Montauk Lighthouse. The event is free.

Trustee White said that he spoke to Legislator Schneiderman about Third House and he is also frustrated with the lack of movement. He expressed a willingness to break money out to get the project moving. The Commissioner said he talked to the Legislator two weeks ago about things for Montauk.

Trustee Borden suggested that looking at next year maybe we can discuss long range plans that the department has for parks to give the Trustees a feeling of where we might be going. We can then share our thoughts on what things need to be done in the long range.

Janet Longo indicated that she expects that the County will be closing on North Fork Preserve in the next two weeks.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2011 at West Sayville Course in Great River, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.