

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2011
MEADOWEDGE COUNTRY CLUB
WEST SAYVILLE, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Vice Chairman, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
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PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph Montuori	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Jim Barr	Superintendent
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

Lauretta Fischer	Chief Environmental Analyst, Planning Dept.
Janet Longo	Acquisitions Supervisor, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Management
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office
Tom Jones	Suffolk Committee for Camping
Richard Hardy	Suffolk Committee for Camping

PUBLIC PORTION

There were two members of the public present. They did not wish to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2011

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

PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

Lauretta Fischer proposed one acquisition. A colored site map was distributed describing the property.

Noyac Greenbelt – Great Swamp – Zebrowski Property

The acquisition of 6.6 acres in the Hamlet of Noyack, Town of Southampton. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, C12-5(D).

A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Sickles and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was approved unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- The golf courses opened this past weekend.
- A new reservation system for camping went into effect on March 1st. We had some problems, but our staff did a wonderful job and worked late to resolve any issues.
- Presently working on trying to get more positions.
- The Earth Day Awards Dinner is April 27th, 2011. This year one of the honorees is Ray Corwin, who served on this Board.
- The Parks Committee tabled Amended I.R. 2240-2010 at yesterday's meeting.

Trustee Sickles remembered that at the February 17th meeting, the Trustees agreed to review and vote on Amended I.R. 2240-2010 before it went before the Legislature. Part of the amended resolution still refers to "licensing". That was supposed to change.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone said the County Attorney and Trustee Engel had suggested proposed language revisions but those changes did not make it into the revised amendment. One of those changes was that the revised amendment reflects "fair market rental properties".

Trustee Sickles said that he feels Parks personnel, not the Trustees, should approve monetary disbursements. The Commissioner agreed and said it was taking power away from the Commissioner. The Commissioner said he tried to stress that at yesterday's Parks Committee meeting.

Chairman Dawson said he feels that Amended I.R. 2240-2010 does not reflect the changes we discussed at length at our last Trustees meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone said the amended resolution refers to "improving the condition of County historic rental properties". Some of the rental houses are in historic buildings and those would be considered an historic rental property. Some of the buildings are just rental properties. The addition of "historic" into the title of the amended resolution makes it sound like it refers to just those houses that are on "historic" sites.

Trustee Engel suggested if we have concerns, we bring them to Legislator Romaine.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dawson reviewed the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2011.

A motion to approve the 2011 meeting schedule was made by Chairman Dawson and seconded by Trustee Engel. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee Sickles asked for an update on the concession awards for the Indian Island Golf Course Restaurant and West Hills Stables.

Commissioner Montuori responded we have drafted a contract for Indian Island and we are trying to push it along as quickly as we can.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported the County has entered into an agreement with Third Rock, who currently handles the golf operation at Indian Island, to operate the Indian Island Restaurant. The West Hills Stables agreement has not yet been approved by the Legislature.

Trustee White announced his resignation from the Parks Foundation Board. He has asked Trustee Sickles to replace him on the Parks Foundation Board.

A motion to approve the appointment of Trustee Sickles to serve on the Parks Foundation Board was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported that the next Trustees meeting is at the Scully Estate in Islip. We would like the Trustees there before our Earth Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. This year we are combining it with Seatuck Environmental for one big celebration at the Suffolk County Environmental Interpretative Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2011 at the Scully Estate in Islip, NY.

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