

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2014
INDIAN ISLAND GOLF COURSE
RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Christopher DiGregorio	Trustee, Town of Southold
Peter Leis	Trustee, Town of Islip
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Babylon
VACANT	Member at Large

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Greg Dawson	Commissioner
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Barbara Rittman	Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS

Allison Branco	SC-PEP
Christina DeLisi	Legislative Aide to Deputy Presiding Officer Jay H. Schneiderman
Chris DeLuca	Legislative Aide to Legislator Thomas Cilmi
Mary Dempsey	DPW
Tom Iwanejko	DPW
Dominick Ninivaggi	SCDPW – Vector Control
Julie Nace	NYSDEC-PEP
Camilo Salazar	SCEDP
Marisa Schifano	County Attorney’s Office
Catherine Stark	Legislative Aide to Legislator Al Krupski
Will Bowman	Land Use, Consultant

PUBLIC PORTION

John Rather was present and had questions pertaining to the Wetlands Restoration Project at Indian Island County Park. He submitted a copy of a memorandum written by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Restoration Center, a copy of which has been distributed to the Parks Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2014

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

A presentation was made by Dominick Ninivaggi, Vector Control Superintendent for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. He gave an overview of the Tidal Wetland Restoration Project at Indian Island County Park and described the many benefits it seeks to achieve.

A presentation was made by Will Bowman, Land Use Consultant on the Mud Creek Watershed Restoration Project supporting the potential of preserving and restoring habitats in the watershed of Mud Creek that had been degraded by duck farming activities at the former Gallo Duck Farm in East Patchogue.

There was a general discussion after each presentation was completed.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Dawson reported that Suffolk County golf courses are now open for the season and county beaches will open in two weeks. Smith Point will have lifeguard coverage seven days a week and all others will be open on Saturdays and Sundays. Full seven day coverage begins at all beaches the end of June. There are plenty of lifeguards and the beaches are in great shape for the season.

On the Legislative calendar, Legislator Schneiderman's "Discover Suffolk County Parks Day" bill passed, giving non-Green Key cardholders the opportunity to use County Parks at the Green Key cardholder rate on June 21st. It is hoped that more Green Key cards will be purchased and park attendance will increase.

The custodial agreement with ABATE at the Beagle Club that was presented at the last Parks Board of Trustees meeting also passed.

Legislator Schneiderman put forth a resolution giving the County Executive authorization to waive fees at county beaches during periods of extreme hot weather. This was tabled.

The Legislature approved \$100,000 from the Capital Budget appropriated for use at Old Field Farm to repair the grand stands and barns on the property. \$175,000 was approved for use at Cupsogue Beach which may be used to move the ramp that goes up to the pavilion over to the western side of the building where it will be closer to the handicapped parking area and also make it ADA compliant. Any leftover funds can be used to update the showers.

Since 1998, Land Rover of Long Island has graciously made donations of a Land Rover every four or five years, when needed for use on the beaches with the Piping Plover Program. The Legislature voted to accept the very generous donation.

Legislator Schneiderman put forth a resolution to allow Nassau County residents to procure bow hunting permits at Suffolk County Parks. Suffolk County bow hunters present at the Parks Committee meeting made it clear that they would not be for passage of that resolution. It was then removed and not voted on.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dawn Hopkins stated that she enjoyed the Wetland Restoration Project site tour. She found it very informative and interesting to see the location of the site.

ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Dawson expressed his appreciation for both of the presentations and thanked all those who contributed to making them possible.

Marisa Schifano reported that she will be representing the County Attorney's Office for the immediate future at the Parks Board of Trustees monthly meetings, in place of Tom Young. She is currently working on some issues involving the Parks Department and is already familiar with some of its projects.

Christina DeLisi reported that Legislator Schneiderman plans to hold a press conference to publicize "Discover Suffolk County Parks Day" which will be announced when a park has been selected to hold it at.

Chris DeLuca thanked those who made presentations on the two projects.

Chair Hopkins reminded all to make sure they have submitted their ethics forms which are due this week.

The next meeting will be held at Peconic Dunes in Southold on Thursday, June 19, 2014.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Richard White and was seconded by Member of the Board Terrence Pearsall. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.