

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
CEDAR POINT COUNTY PARK
EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph Montuori	Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

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

Vice Chairman Borden, on behalf of the Trustees, offered condolences to Commissioner Montuori on the recent loss of his mother.

PUBLIC PORTION

There were not any members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2011

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- We have had a great season. Our staff is doing a wonderful job.
- Two parks have been closed due to West Nile. Blydenburgh County Park and Gardiner County Park are closed after 6:00 PM.
- We lost a lot of trees as a result of the recent storm, Irene. There was some beach erosion. One of the biggest problems was we had to close some parks because there was no electricity. We did have some damage to the golf courses. At the Timber Point Blue Course there was damage along the water's edge and some salt damage. We are working on restoring the course.
- As a result of the storm, the Long Island Maritime Museum had to cancel the Seafood Festival. It has been rescheduled for September 24th and 25th.
- Golf rounds are down by approximately 14,000 this year. Nationwide, all golf rounds are down. We are looking for ways to increase our golf rounds. Trustee Sickles said he works with a gentlemen that frequently plays golf at Indian Island. He said that even after a long, hot summer, the greens are in great shape. Parks staff and the new greens keeper are doing a great job there.
- Terry Maccarrone is working on the boardwalk to the bay at Cupsogue. We will try to get an update to the Trustees at the next Board meeting.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee Borden reported there are still some State Parks suffering without full power, among them Sunken Meadow and Nissequogue. In upstate New York there have been people without power for two weeks.

Janet Longo reported she visited Meschutt County Park a few weeks ago. Our lifeguards had a rescue when a child floated out a little too far. We have the most beautiful beaches here on Long Island.

Trustee Sickles extended congratulations to Nick Gibbons and his lovely wife, Michelle, who are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary.

Trustee Gooding said Cedar Point County Park is a wonderful place. She and her family have stayed there with their camper. The beach is fantastic. You can drive down to the beach with a 4-wheel drive vehicle or hike.

Trustee Gooding mentioned that Shelter Island has a working farm. There are some activities coming up and Trustee Gooding passed around a flyer for an event filled Columbus Day weekend at the farm (October 7th through October 9th). It's a beautiful cooperative farm and if you like farming, you can buy a share.

Trustee White thanked Joe Kaelin, the concessionaire, for the wonderful lunch he prepared for the Trustees.

Trustee Sickles reported that Joe Kaelin has been a concessionaire at Cedar Point for 28 years.

Trustee White mentioned that today is Bill Sickles' 26th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Trustee White asked when Third House will get to the point that it can be opened to the public. Commissioner Montuori responded he will get back to Trustee White with an update.

Trustee Cardillo reported he went on a "fact finding run" at Indian Island County Park after the hurricane. Parks staff did a good cleanup job after the storm.

Trustee Cardillo asked if the upcoming event at the Big Duck was a County event. Commissioner Montuori responded it was a Town event. Trustee Sickles said the Big Duck is owned by the County but the Town of Southampton owns all the property around the Big Duck. The Big Duck was dedicated to Suffolk County and, as such, cannot be passed onto the Town.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011 at Sagtikos Manor, West Bay Shore, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Sickles. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0. (Chairman Dawson was included in this vote)