

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2013
MEADOW EDGE GOLF COURSE
WEST SAYVILLE, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Chairman, Town of Smithtown
Gilbert Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Kathleen Gooding, Ph.D.	Trustee, Town of Shelter Island
Dawn Hopkins	Vice Chair, Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
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

Debra Kolyer	Member of the Board
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Babylon
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Islip
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Southold
VACANT	Member at Large

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Greg Dawson	Commissioner
Colleen Hofmeister	Principal Contracts Examiner
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Barbara Rittman	Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS

Lauretta Fischer	Chief Environmental Analyst, S.C. Planning & Environment
Janet Longo	Land Management Specialist, S.C. Real Property Acquisitions & Management

PUBLIC PORTION

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2012

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

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Dawson reported that since our last meeting, we had another nor'easter that created additional erosion at Smith Point. Photos of the damage were distributed showing that the entire dune at the outer beach was lost, creating concerns that there will be problems with outer beach access this coming season. The public will be notified upon purchasing Outer Beach Permits this year that they should anticipate some closures at both Cupsogue and Smith Point's outer beaches. The solution to the erosion problem is beach nourishment; sources

for the sand are limited and there is no available funding to do it. There are breach contingency plans in place and five miles of snow fencing was installed by our crews to help re-establish the dunes and beaches. Additionally, the Parks Department has been working with local Fire Departments and Home Depots to use leftover Christmas trees to help reinforce the fence lines. There are no problems anticipated for the County's camping sites in the upcoming season.

Commissioner Dawson and Trustee McKay attended a meeting in Centerport to discuss the former Camp Alvernia site which is a fourteen acre parcel purchased from the Franciscan Brothers back in 1998 under the Open Space Preservation Program. There are two roads in the community, Little Neck and Prospect that lead up to the Alvernia site, which is on a peninsula. During Hurricane Sandy, trees brought the power lines down, cutting off residents who live on the peninsula from the rest of the community. The local fire department has suggested connecting the two roads up at the top of the peninsula would cut into County Parks' property. The Water Authority would also like to connect their two mains at the same point. The community is not in favor of this proposal because it would create an alienation of parkland. Legislator Spencer sponsored the meeting and explained that for this to be considered, it would have to be approved first by the Parks Trustees and then it would have to go to the Legislature. The Legislature would then have to send it to the State and Assembly. Alternative solutions introduced by community members were to install underground power lines and have rescue boats for emergency evacuation situations. Commissioner Dawson reported that this proposal may come before the Trustees at some point in the future.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Borden inquired about the condition of the parking lot at Smith Point. Commissioner Dawson reported that there had already been a master plan in place to do some work there prior to Hurricane Sandy. Sand from the storm that washed over onto the parking lot has been removed and additional work will be completed as planned. Solar lighting was recently installed along the northern border of the walkway at the south entrance to the parking lot. The sea wall held up during the storm and there was no damage to the memorial.

Terry reported that the breaches were closed and we were lucky to have had dredging projects that were already planned in those areas. Rebuilding the dunes will take at least one to two years and millions of cubic yards of sand just for Parks' properties. FEMA is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to possibly come up with an Emergency Protection Plan which would run from Montauk Point along the south shore of the Island and down the eastern seaboard, possibly to Delaware. Its purpose would not be to rebuild the beaches but to protect what we already have from further deterioration. FEMA reported that although Burma Road was not a paved road, it may be considered an improvement and a maintained roadway. When we rebuild it, we will be rebuilding infrastructure along that entire length of property which is a positive--however we don't have a source right now to get the sand to do it.

Trustee Sickles commented that east of Smith Point and Cupsogue, Shinnecock West and East County Parks and the Montauk County Park outer beaches have historically received more traffic whenever Smith Point and/or Cupsogue have had closures in the past. He inquired if the 2012 stickers are still useable. Commissioner Dawson stated that the sale of the coming season's tickets will begin in the next few weeks and residents will be asked to sign a notification that they are aware that there may be periodic closures during the season as a result of damages sustained from Hurricane Sandy.

Terry continued that the Parks Department sustained damages from Sandy to the dock at the boathouse at Coindre Hall. The entire dock was lifted up in one spot and we have new photos proving that the damage occurred as a result of the hurricane. We also lost the boardwalk at Green's Creek in West Sayville and there is a lot of construction debris at various locations that still needs to be cleared away. The concrete walkway at Smith Point was damaged on the west side of the pavilion and we lost some of the staircase that goes over the dunes. DPW has the design documents together and they are working on the RFP to get those fixed so that the

park will be operative. Shinnecock East lost sand on the bay side and Meschutt lost sand and parking lot curbing improvements were damaged there.

We have a grant to refurbish the greenhouse at Meadow Edge. Once the weather improves, work will begin on the roofing, electrical and parking lot work at Meadow Edge.

We have an ongoing grant at Sagtikos Manor to design and restore the gardens and irrigation system which is going very well.

The Ockers Transportation Building at the Maritime Museum is progressing.

An RFP was issued and contract awarded to Nelson & Pope for repair of the erosion of Hole #5 at Indian Island Golf Course. In approximately 6-8 weeks, they plan to have a design and plan to repair the bulk heading and gabion wall. At the Indian Island County Park, the RFP is moving forward to correct erosion of the bluff where Native American remains were found several years ago.

There are improvements planned for Raynor Park to refurbish some of the tennis courts, extend the parking lot and install some fencing.

DPW will be designing plans for check-in stations at some of our County parks and the design plans for the irrigation system at West Sayville is progressing.

Colleen reported that the Contracts Division is currently working on accounting requirements from all of the concessions that we oversee. A good portion of our concessions pay the Parks Department a percentage of gross revenues fee which is based upon the concession's total annual revenues. The Contracts Division reviews the concession's monthly revenue submissions, and calculates the amounts due for each.

We are also currently negotiating with Lessings for Timber Point and West Sayville.

In addition, we are in the process of negotiating a license agreement with the concessionaire at the Montauk Stable.

Our Licensee at Meschutt Beach is working together with the Parks Department to get repairs from Hurricane Sandy completed in time for the upcoming season because it is a very popular locale.

Our concessionaire at Bergen Point Golf Course probably received the most damage of all of the concessionaires. The water was several feet deep in the main Golf Pro and catering facility. Through the efforts of Parks' Maintenance staff--who went above and beyond--they have completely refurbished the building. New flooring was installed and a new bar is in the process of being built. A good working partnership between the Parks Department and the Licensee contributed to getting the facility back up and running as quickly as it was. The maintenance crew for the concessionaire at Bergen Point was able to immediately spread gypsum on the greens and get the irrigation system back up in a short time.

We are in the process of negotiating a contract amendment with the Golf Pro at Timber Point. If the concept of the Pro Shop and Cart Barn being moved from the main building is approved, we would like the Golf Pro to have a vested interest in it and contribute capital to the project. Final decisions with regard to contracts are still to be determined.

Trustee Cardillo inquired about an RFP committee that he had volunteered for and Colleen reported that it was decided that for this year, canoe & kayak operators will be required to apply for a one-year seasonal permit instead of a long term contract. The Contracts Division will be sending out a letter requesting suggestions for

places outside of Paul T. Given Park, which is the only park right now where we have a canoe & kayak concession. Over the years, there have been many people who have requested operating out of Indian Island and we are seeking ideas for other sites. There will be no formal RFP this year.

Commissioner Dawson commented the Legislature has requested two additional RFPS. One is for the development of the Smith Point Marina and the other is for the pilot project for historic houses for which we will seek public/private partnerships. This one has already been drafted and reviewed.

Trustee Borden announced that Ron Foley will be retiring on February 20th and commented on the great job he did for Long Island parks.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee Cardillo reported on the nice job done on the cleanup at Indian Island. He commented on the tremendous amount of salt damage, even inland, to our Long Island pine trees.

Trustee McKay inquired regarding the Camp Alvernia property, what the likely scenario is if Legislator Spencer decides to sponsor the idea discussed earlier. Laretta Fischer stated that the Legislator would have to introduce a resolution and get it passed by the Legislature. It would have to come to the Parks Trustees, the County Legislature, the State Legislature and then back for a final vote on the alienation of parkland.

Terry Pearsall reported that we have a nominee for Parks Trustee of the Town of Babylon. Supervisor Schaffer has nominated Tracey Bellone. The resolution will go on the table in February and will be voted on in March. The Trustees were pleased with the news and look forward to welcoming Tracey to the Board. Terry Pearsall noted that the Towns of Southold and Islip have not responded with any recommendations as of yet. We now have a Legislator for Town of Southold, so it is hopeful that a recommendation to fill that vacancy will come in the near future.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2013 at Meadow Edge Golf Course, West Sayville, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.