

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2010
SCULLY ESTATE, ISLIP, NY**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Montuori	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Jim Barr	Superintendent
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Colleen Hofmeister	Principal Contracts Examiner
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Richard Martin	Director of Historic Services
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

Enrico Nardone	Executive Director of Seatuck Environmental Association
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Chairman Cardillo called the meeting to order.

Scully Estate

Richard Martin welcomed the Trustees to the Scully Estate. In June 2004, Suffolk County purchased the 70 acre property from the Audubon Society. It was designated as the County's Environmental Center. It has been a great marriage between environmental County programs and historic preservation. This building is a great example of adaptive reuse of an historic structure. This property has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and dedicated to the Suffolk County Historic Trust. The County entered into a contract with Seatuck to run the Environmental Center.

Enrico Nardone, Executive Director of Seatuck, announced the grand opening of the center was held last April. They expected 500 people and approximately 2500 people showed up. It was a beautiful and exciting day. Mr. Nardone reported people are coming to their programs, but they are not getting too much foot traffic. They are trying to build more traffic with advertising and more events. Olivia Bouler, the 11 year old who sold her artwork to help save birds affected by the tragic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, is hosting a fundraiser to support the Seatuck Environmental Center on September 4th. On

Halloween they have scheduled a 5K Seatuck Owl Prowl and a local garden club has scheduled a flower show in late September, just to name a few.

Mr. Nardone also passed around the Master Plan for the Landscape Design (by Sue Avery with the Landscape Institute of Boston Architectural Design College) for the Trustees to review. He also stated that there is a lot of interest in the building and in the Peters family who owned the property and built the house in 1917. The house was inspired by a French chateau and designed by an architect, Grosvenor Atterbury, who is famous for designing Forest Hill Gardens and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Seatuck recently received a \$25,000 grant to tell the story about the Peters family and the architect behind the building.

PUBLIC PORTION

There was one member of the public present. He did not wish to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15th, 2010

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Sickles. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- Two campgrounds have been closed due to positive samples of the West Nile Virus: Blydenburgh County Park and Southaven County Park. The Board of Health recommended we close the parks for nighttime operation.
- It has been a hot summer. Our staff is doing a fantastic job.
- Beach attendance is up.
- Golf attendance is down a bit.
- The Seafood Festival is scheduled for August 28th and August 29th.
- We hope to have the fishing pier done by the end of September.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cardillo reported that Bradstock is scheduled for September 5th.

ROUND TABLE

Terry Maccarrone reported:

- Fishing pier is moving along well. Most of the decking is down and they are working on the railings.

- GATR Maintenance Facility is close to completion. Per DPW, the paving of the entry road will be done some time in September.
- Fuchs Pond – The contract was awarded to TSL Industries on July 30th, 2010. DPW is currently waiting for the signed contract to come back from TSL.
- Shinnecock Marina – DPW is conducting a further investigation in order to develop a scope of work.

Trustee White asked if it would be possible to get some “before” and “after” shots of the GATR Site. There is a neighbor who insists there was a second story on the building. Terry Maccarrone will see if we can find some old photos. There was never a second story on the building.

Tom Jones asked if Blydenburgh and Southaven will be closed for the rest of the camping season or is there a possibility they will reopen. Commissioner Montuori responded the parks will be retested for West Nile on a continuous basis and the results take 2 weeks.

Nick Gibbons said we are hopeful the parks will reopen in the fall. There are a number of events scheduled.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported that as a result of the early retirement incentive program, the Parks Department is losing 5 staff members. We are expecting to get one in return. Unfortunately, we are losing some key people. Jim Barr and Tony Trotta are working with staff to see how we can share the responsibilities of those people that are leaving.

Trustee White thanked Trustee Hollborn for bringing in a birthday cake to celebrate the birthdays of Trustee Sickles, Trustee Hopkins and Deputy Commissioner Bellone.

Trustee White reported that Trustee McKay’s wife has been ill. We all send her our prayers and best wishes.

Trustee Sickles said that on behalf of himself and the Trustees, we wish the best to those that are retiring at Parks.

Trustee Sickles reported he went to Montauk and toured the new building. DPW did a good job. The views from the maintenance building are beautiful! Perhaps we can tour the facility at the September Trustees meeting.

Trustee Sickles asked if there is funding in the capital budget for the planning and construction of the Cupsgogue Nature Walk. Terry Maccarrone responded the funding is there.

Richard Martin reported the restoration for the new mill at Blydenburgh is moving forward.

Richard Martin reported the restoration of the Coindre Hall Boathouse will be starting as soon as we get the DPW permit in place. The first phase of that project is to stabilize the Boathouse. We are probably looking at a 2 to 3 year project to get the building restored.

Nick Gibbons reported that the lead cleanup at the Trap and Skeet Range started today. We have asked Mark Wroobel, the operator, to decrease his hours to the public so we get this project done as efficiently as possible while still allowing him to do a viable business. The range will be closed Mondays through

Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays the range will be open for regular hours.

Colleen Hofmeister reported we are in the process of implementing an RFP for the Smith Point restaurant concession. Trustee Hollborn is serving on the RFP Committee. There will be a tour of the facility next Thursday, August 26th, at 10:30 AM. Ms. Hofmeister reported they are putting the finishing touches on the RFP for the Stable Concession at West Hills. At the next meeting she will ask the Trustees to review and approve the RFP and we will be looking for a representative from the Trustees to serve on that RFP Committee.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported that we have been notified by the restaurant concessionaire at Indian Island Golf Course that he does not intend to continue his contract and has requested that he be released from his contractual obligation at the end of this year. Our department just received a letter notifying us of his intention. The letter has been forwarded to the County Attorney. He has contractual obligations that he will have to meet. Colleen Hofmeister will have to put together another RFP to get out by years' end to allow for a smooth transition next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th at Third House, Theodore Roosevelt County Park, Montauk, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hollborn. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0-0