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COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 DEBRA J. CODY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kelly, Mrs. Ervin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bush, Mr. Kinne

ALSO ATTENDING: Ms. Kuhn; also see attached

Chair Cody called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. *The minutes of the previous meeting have been distributed. There are no corrections to the minutes, and the minutes are approved.*

Chairman Cody took the agenda items out of order.

1. **PARKS AND RECREATION:** Brian Kelley, Commissioner **a. INFORMATIONAL: 2022 Budget Update**

- Past 2 years our department has been able to see firsthand its importance to the community:
 - Base line amenities such as bathrooms, trails, boat launches & docks, picnic shelters and playgrounds are critical to visitors quality of life and park experience
 - In 2022 department was open in full
- High level of services to county residents:
 - Both beaches remained open and will be open next year without bringing in more staff; built a strong life guard team for recruiting efforts
 - Host major and core events in 2022, already had the Workforce Run, Scottish Games, the Northeast Senior Softball Championship at Hopkins Road, Brew at the Zoo, Golden Harvest Festival, coming up: Sportsman's Day–Carpenters Brook, Enchanted Beaver Lake, and Lights on the Lake
- Capital projects: Addressing Infrastructures and safety, park enhancements such as:
 - Onondaga Lake Park; replaced water main and added a fire hydrant at the marina
 - Oil and stoned parking lot at Long Branch, process of rebuilding the maintenance building and garage, a comfort station; updating power, Long Branch park and shelter rental is most used place in the park
 - Veterans cemetery–received master plan back on drainage study; move forward with efficiency burials
 - Completed boat launch at Oneida Shores, after completing the boat launch study, retaining wall was not where it should be, shoring it up to be safe
 - Replaced main water line to the bathroom building, at Beaver Lake Nature Center; the design documents are through, the engineering is complete, and going out to bid for the board walk, under construction phase in the winter, replaced flooring at Beaver Lake
 - Replaced a couple boilers; at the Zoo, and replaced mechanical study of all the systems, began roof replacement project throughout the park
 - Animal Health Center is complete, repaired two fencing exhibits for the animals
 - At Highland Forest; replaced boilers, put new roof and windows on carpenter shop, and put new doors on all maintenance buildings
- Acquired a 35 acre conservation area on the South East shore of Otisco Lake
- Attendance records will be broken at several parks this year on projected use, passive use and quality of life is very important

- Continuing resource sharing initiatives, district wide concepts; create efficiencies in terms of maintenance and operations:
 - Established department wide mowing crews, used all staff for event set up and staffing; for burials at the cemetery and for fish stocking
 - Sending staff out department wide for completion of preventative maintenance projects
- Will remain on budget for 2022
- Is staffing an issue? Staffing is great right now, able to do everything; district wide approach has helped us, instead of looking at each park individually, looking at resources as a whole and prioritized them more efficiently
- Is there hiring for Lights on the Lake? Yes, there is seasonal hiring for lights on the lake, (i.e.) ticket taking, costume wearing
- How is the Cemetery going?
 - Going great, taking burials on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday’s and condensing those, helped with efficiency; do other things in the park; working well for families
 - Cemetery is part of the Southern district in the park, cemetery has access to staff at Highland Forest, Fish Hatchery, etc., district wide approach has been beneficial, going well and great for employees in going to other locations

2. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Mary Beth Primo, Deputy

a. Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into Certain Utility Work Agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation

- Routine resolution, gives County Executive permission to execute agreements when NYS does road work, any kind of projects, sewers or our roads are in the right away; it gives permission to do what needs to be done at NYS’s cost, county’s job to keep it up
- This is covered; a number of them annually

A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTENDANCE



DEBBIE KAMINSKI, Assistant Clerk
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COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

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