

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION**  
**ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ID# 892 7672 3014**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Robert Gal, Commissioner  
Harriet Balbera  
Dina Burachio  
Antoinette Capodanno  
Marone Guriel  
Lee Korn (arrived 7:58pm)  
Bennett Last  
Kara Mindel  
Jean Tien  
Eileen Sarroff, Alternate

**ABSENT**

Spyro Dimitratos  
Mario Ranieri  
Jennifer Weber  
Russell Solomon, Alternate

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gal at 7:32 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Gal motioned to accept the minutes of November 20, 2024 as presented, seconded by Dina Burachio, and unanimously approved by those present.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees approved the 2025 park rules, camp agreement and the purchase and installation of 15 gazebos with decking.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Gal reported that after the November Park meeting, he and Deputy Dimitratos met with Pat McDermott to discuss the possibility of installing composite decking as a base for the gazebos. The estimated cost of this addition to the project was then approved by the Board of Trustees. The initial project will focus on the replacement of the five gazebos along the fence including a continuous 60'-70' decking base built for those gazebos to be mounted on. The remaining 10 structures will have individual decks. Adding electric for charging ports is being considered. A discussion ensued on either flush or raised deck installation and colors. Marone Guriel will email color options to the park commission for a final decision before next week's Board of Trustee meeting.

The tennis shed will be replaced and the electronics and Wi-Fi equipment housed there will be updated.

The chlorine generator was finally approved by the Nassau County Department of Health and will start being used this summer.

**RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES**

Commissioner Gal motioned to approve the ratification of an email vote taken on November 22, 2024 to approve the 2025 park rules and regulations, as presented. The secretary read the email votes into the record.

Commissioner Robert Gal	yes
Harriet Balbera	yes
Dina Burachio	yes
Antoinette Capodanno	yes
Marone Guriel	yes

Lee Korn	yes
Bennett Last	yes
Kara Mindel	yes
Mario Ranieri	yes
Jennifer Weber	yes

As no member present wished to change their vote, the motion was ratified.

Commissioner Gal motioned to approve the ratification of an email vote taken on November 22, 2024 to approve the 2025 camp agreement, as presented. The secretary read the email votes into the record.

Commissioner Robert Gal	yes
Harriet Balbera	yes
Antoinette Capodanno	yes
Marone Guriel	yes
Lee Korn	yes
Bennett Last	yes
Kara Mindel	yes
Jennifer Weber	yes

As no member present wished to change their vote, the motion was ratified.

### **REC STAFF CONTRACTS**

A discussion ensued on whether to increase pay rates and/or completion sums for the rec staff. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

### **PHONE BASED ACCESS CONTROL**

There was discussion at the Trustee level to expand the current card access system for the pool and the ten access doors of the Community Building to include the use of a phone- based app, as well. Hardware and software components will have to be researched and purchased.

The CourtReserve app that is currently being used for tennis court reservations also has the ability to work as access control. Once you make a reservation you get a code to unlock the gate. Jean Tien has scheduled a demo call next week to get information on the system and requirements.

### **PARK EVENTS**

Antoinette Capodanno will reach out to vendors that are not part of the local association to see if a farmer's market day could be arranged. The tentative date suggested is Sunday, May 18.

Jean Tien suggested adding another event on the day for the farmer's market to encourage more attendance. She will check with the Environmental Commission about their plans for holding another e-waste recycling day.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30pm via zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Morrissey  
Park Commission Secretary