

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, February 17th, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2004 at 6:34P.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with President Robert A. Morabito presiding.

Present: Mayor Frank Filipowski, Village of Rye Brook; Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Commissioner George Ilse; Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester; and Mayor Steve Otis, City of Rye.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Monroe Y. Mann, Rye Town Park Attorney and Saverio Terenzi, Rye Town Park Accountant

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of January 20th, 2004 meeting were approved with corrections on a motion by Commissioner Otis and seconded by Commissioner Ilse.

Commissioners Granchelli and Ilse presented the proposed new rates for the 2004 season. Commissioner Otis discussed his proposed rate increases using percentages. It was decided that the rates would go up 20% with rounding off to the nearest five. The attached schedule is the proposed new 2004 rates for the Park. On a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Otis, the attached rates were approved.

The 2004 Rye Town Park Budget was discussed.

Lisa Easton of Easton Architects made a presentation to the Commission concerning the Feasibility Study.

Lisa Easton made a proposal to the Commission concerning terra cotta tiles for the roof of the Administration Building and the pavilion. She could get them from a company in the mid-west at a cost of \$9,773 for the terra cotta tiles. This saves the Commission approximately \$125,000. On a motion by Commissioner Otis and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli, the above was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Sculky,
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, March 22nd, 2004

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The 2004 Budget was tabled.

Letter from Holy Child School was read. On a motion from Commissioner Filipowski and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli the school will be able to use the Park for their event on May 4th, 2004.

Memo of Understanding from the Commission to the "Friends of Rye Town Park" was discussed. It was decided that Commissioner Joseph Granchelli would be the liaison from the Commission to the "Friends".

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Commissioner Ilse had a statement read to the Commission concerning the prices of the Park fees for the 2004 Park Season.

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President Morabito thanked Commissioner Filipowski for his excellent service and dedication to the Commission.

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Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, March 29th, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Monday, March 29th, 2004 at 8:04A.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with Commissioner Steve Otis, Mayor of Rye presiding.

Present: Mayor Frank Filipowski, Village of Rye Brook; Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Commissioner George Ilse; and Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester.

Absent: President Robert A. Morabito, Supervisor, Town of Rye.

Also Present: Monroe Y. Mann, Rye Town Park Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Duck Pond contract was discussed. Commissioner Otis explained the bidding process for this project and the discretionary items that will be bid on for the second part of the contract. Rye Town Park Attorney Monroe Mann stated that an addendum was added to the project because this is over the \$20,000 limit for public bidding purposes and this could not be part of the original bid. Commissioner Ilse asked about the addendum total cost to the Commission. Christopher Cohan stated that this should be approximately \$110,000. He later explained to the Commissioner that this is why the bidding was done the way it was. He praised the awarding of the bid to Realife and praised their work. Commissioner Ilse asked Mr. Cohan the amount of the construction costs from New York State that will be awarded to the Commission via a grant. Brian Daly of the "Friends of Rye Town Park" questioned the cross examination of Mr. Cohan by Commissioner Ilse. Commissioner Otis then went on to explain the contract. Commissioner Frank Filipowski wanted to approve the Duck Pond contract only as the purpose of this meeting was about. He also expressed doubts about the approximately \$1,000,000 number that Commissioner Ilse keeps referring to.

Commissioner Ilse then went on to explain that that the Commission would have to pay the "other expenses" to the project which would total \$324,950 in his estimate. Mr. Cohan then explained that the State approved \$685,000 for the project. Commissioner Otis said that the Commission should vote to accept the bid only and pointed out on how the Commission voted previously on accepting the above contract. Commissioner Ilse again reiterated that the "other expense" included the \$324,950 plus the \$685,000 from the State grant for a total of over \$1 million. Commissioner Otis stated the Commissioner Ilse was against the project and is adversarial towards the "Friends of Rye Town Park." Commissioner Ilse complimented the work that the "Friends of Rye Town Park" does with the Park. He went on to state that there is no master plan for the Duck Pond contract, which causes concern about transparency of the contract. He requested a firm statement from Mr. Cohan about the costs to the Commission for the project. Mr. Cohan stated that the original estimate of \$675,000-\$685,000 was from 1999. The "Friends of Rye Town Park" then partnered with the Commission to spend no more than \$100,000 for the project.

Mr. Cohan stated that Realife is ready within two weeks to begin the project, which is before the Park and restaurant seasons begin. Commissioner Logan then requested the Commission to officially approve the Duck Pond bid. Commissioner Otis stated that the Commission would be only approving of the Realife bid of \$463,374. Rye Town Park Attorney Monroe Mann then stated that the “extra’s” are not included in the above bid. They will be bid separately. Commissioner Logan then praised Realife and asked for the Commission to approve of placing the “extra’s” out for bid. Commissioner Ilse understood from Chris Cohan and Monroe Mann that the total cost of the first part of the project will total \$592,000. However, Mr. Mann stated that he did not know the cost of the project. Commissioner Otis then said that the only numbers the Commission will be approving is the \$463,374. Commissioner Ilse stated that the total costs according to his estimates are \$990,000. Commissioner Otis questioned Commissioner Ilse’s numbers. Mr. Cohan could not comment of the above but he disputes Commissioner Ilse’s numbers. Mr. Cohan then went on to state that some of the discretionary items could be dropped, though others must be done. This is up to the Commission. Commissioner Otis stated that the original contract price was figured at \$750,000 to \$800,000. He asked for a worksheet from Commissioner Ilse to back up his numbers. Commissioner Ilse asked about the total costs of the project. Mr. Cohan stated that when the bids come back from the discretionary items he could answer what the costs of the project will be. Commissioner Ilse went on to say that New York State puts importance on the discretionary costs of the project.

Commissioner Ilse believes that the construction costs will be \$600,000 and the total costs will be \$916,0900 plus contingency costs for a grand total of around \$1 million. Commissioner Otis stated that the Commission would be committed to \$100,000. Commissioner Otis stated that the “Friends of Rye Town Park” don’t agree with Commissioner Ilse’s analysis of the project. The “Friends of Rye Town Park” will have to make up the rest of any amounts over the above stated commitments.

Commissioner Ilse asked about the overseeing of the expenses by the Rye Town Park President and the Comptrollers of the Town and City of Rye. Commissioner Filipowski motioned for approval of the bid going to Realife. Commissioner Logan seconded. Vote was 4 yeses and Commissioner Ilse abstaining. Motion approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Filipowski and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli, the Commission voted to send out to public bid the “discretionary items” of the project. Motion approved.

Commissioner Ilse went on the record to state that the contract for the Duck Pond project would cost \$592,000 in construction costs; \$324,000 which was approved by the State for expenses on the project as per contract number 301678 on items #2 to #6; and a \$60,000 to \$100,000 other expenses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Sculky,
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, May 4th, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Tuesday, May 4th, 2004 at 6:33P.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with President Robert A. Morabito presiding.

Present: Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Commissioner George Ilse; Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester; and Mayor Steve Otis, City of Rye.

Absent: Mayor Lawrence Rand, Village of Rye Brook.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of March 22nd, 2004 on a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Logan. Motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Logan to table the minutes of March 29th, 2004.

The 2004 Budget was discussed. On a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Logan, the 2004 Budget was approved. Commissioner Ilse stated that he would like the Commission to adhere to the Bennett Kielson recommendations in their internal audit of the Park.

The Commission discussed the Duck Pond Project. Christopher Cohan, project manager stated that the supplemental bid for the Duck Pond was awarded to Realife. The bid was \$134,765. They were the only bidders for this contract. Bradford Smith of the public questioned the numbers of the whole Duck Pond contract. Commissioner Logan stated that the "Friends of Rye Town Park" should be complimented on the fine work they do for the Park. He called the questioning of the "Friends" counter productive and stated that he only hears positive things about the "Friends" and the Park. On a motion from Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Logan, the supplemental bid for the Duck Pond was approved.

Commissioner Ilse asked about the time frame of the Duck Pond contract. Mr. Cohan responded that everything is on time. He also stated that there would be a photo ground breaking for the Duck Pond on May 12th, 2004 at 8:00A.M.

Mr. Cohan then proceeded with a Duck Pond Project Report. He reported on the traffic flow concerning the roadway by the Pond. Commissioner Otis thanked Chris Cohan, President Morabito, Secretary Raymond Sculky and Park Foreman Frank DeLeo for handling the traffic flow at the roadway by the Pond. He also thanked Rocco Bartlik for his help in handling the parking situation during the past weekend. Commissioner Otis would like a flyer to be distributed concerning the Project.

Restoration and fundraising concerning the Administration Building was discussed. The Commission asked for contracts concerning the above so a decision can take place at the next meeting.

Bernard Abel of the public inquired about the Rye Town Park Courtesy passes and Park employees that were not re-hired.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Sculky,
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, May 25th, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Tuesday, May 25th, 2004 at 6:30P.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with President Robert A. Morabito presiding.

Present: Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Commissioner George Ilse; Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester; and Mayor Lawrence Rand, Village of Rye Brook.

Absent: Mayor Steve Otis, City of Rye.

Also Present: Monroe Mann, Rye Town Park Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentation by Lisa Easton was done concerning the Administration Building. This was about grant applications and fundraising consulting.

Contract concerning fundraising consulting for the Administration Building was discussed. Carpe Diem Westchester, LTD is the proposed vendor. On a motion by Commissioner Rand and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli above was approved. Commissioner Ilse voted no. Contract concerning grant applications for the Administration Building was discussed. Easton Architects, LTD is the proposed vendor. On a motion by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli with Commissioner Ilse voting no, the above was approved.

Ed Vitti of the public spoke about his employment at Rye Town Park. Commissioner Rand stated that this is not the proper place for this discussion. He directed the above to an Executive Session of the Commission, being that this was a personnel matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Sculky,
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, July 22nd, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Thursday, July 22nd, 2004 at 6:06P.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with President Robert A. Morabito presiding.

Present: Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Commissioner George Ilse; Mayor Steve Otis, City of Rye; and Mayor Lawrence Rand, Village of Rye Brook.

Absent: Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester.

Also Present: Monroe Mann, Rye Town Park Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the March 29th, 2004 Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Otis. It was noted that Commissioner Rand voted yes, but he was not a member of the Commission at that time. Minutes of the May 4th, 2004 Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Otis. Minutes of the May 25th, 2004 Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Rand and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli.

Westchester Triathlon made a presentation to the Commission. On a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Ilse this was approved provided that the City of Rye Police Department and Westchester County approve the above.

The Duck Pond Project was discussed. An update was given to the Commission from Christopher Cohan. Commissioner Ilse asked if there were any additional costs associated with this project. President Morabito and Mr. Cohan told him that there would be no additional costs.

Bernard Abel from the public asked if Rye Town Park Attorney Monroe Mann was ever appointed by the Commission to his position as Attorney for the Commission and asked for a vote to be taken. President Morabito explained that Mr. Mann is appointed in accordance to the Rye Town Park Commission Charter.

Cystic Fibrosis Chapter of Westchester thanked the Commission for having the 2004 walk through Rye Town Park and asked for permission for 2005. On a motion from Commissioner Rand and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli, this was approved.

Commissioner Ilse spoke about the City of Rye Council concerns about the Bennett Kielson audit report. He wants a committee set up with the Rye Town Park Commission President, City of Rye Manager and Comptroller, and the Town of Rye Comptroller to implement the recommendations of Bennett Kielson. President Morabito explained to Commissioner Ilse that most if not all the recommendations have already been implemented. He invited Commissioner Ilse to check out all the above with Rye Town Park Secretary Raymond Sculky.

Ed Vitti of the public asked about his employment situation at the Park. President Morabito stated that this is a personal issue and is not to be discussed in public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Sculky,
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, August 17th, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Tuesday: August 17th, 2004 at 6:30P.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with President Robert A. Morabito presiding.

Present: Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester; Mayor Steve Otis, City of Rye; and Mayor Lawrence Rand, Village of Rye Brook.

Absent: Commissioner George Ilse.

Also Present: Monroe Mann, Rye Town Park Attorney and Saverio Terenzi, Rye Town Park Accountant.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the July 22nd, 2004 Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Rand and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli. It was noted that Commissioner Logan abstained because he was not at the July 22nd, 2004 Meeting.

A Duck Pond Project Update was given. Commissioner Otis reported that the project is on time and President Morabito stated that the project was under budget.

Rye Town Park Secretary Raymond Sculky gave an update on the Westchester Triathlon event to be held at the Park on Sunday, September 26th, 2004. He stated that all plans are being finalized with Playland, the City of Rye and Rye Town Park concerning the route of the event and the registration of the participants at the Park on the night before the event. Commissioner Otis stated that all municipalities that are involved in this event are meeting on a regular basis.

A letter from the Sullivan County Interacademic League was read. They are requesting use of the Park in September to hold their sand castle event. On a motion by Commissioner Granchelli and seconded by Commissioner Rand, this was approved.

A letter from the "Paws in the Park" which is a fundraiser for the New York United Hospital Medical Center to use the Park in October was read. Commissioner Rand stated that he is in favor of the above; he must abstain from this vote because he is on the Board of Trustees of the Hospital. Commissioner Otis also spoke in favor of above. On a motion from Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Granchelli this was approved with Commissioner Rand abstaining.

Commissioner Logan had payroll questions from the Park employees. These were answered by Secretary Raymond Sculky and Town Accountant Saverio Terenzi.

Goldie Solomon of the public asked if the Park was on the National Historic Landmark List. President Morabito responded yes. She also asked if the Park was participating in any “9-11” Events.

Bernard Abel of the public asked why there is no prayer at the Rye Town Park Commission Meetings.

Brian Daly of the “Friends of Rye Town Park” complimented the work at the Duck Pond.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond L. Sculky,
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission

Rye Town Park Commission Meeting, September 21st, 2004

A meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission was held on Tuesday: November 16th, 2004 at 6:31P.M. at the Rye Town Court Room, 10 Pearl Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 with President Robert A. Morabito presiding.

Present: Commissioner Joseph Granchelli; Commissioner George Ilse; Mayor Gerald Logan, Village of Port Chester; Mayor Steve Otis, City of Rye and Mayor Lawrence Rand, Village of Rye Brook.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Monroe Mann, Rye Town Park Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the November 16th, 2004 Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Rand and seconded by Commissioner Logan.

Christopher Cohan gave a Duck Pond Project Update. He stated that the project is on time and on budget. The waterfall will be off by Thanksgiving. Commissioner Logan asked about the fencing surrounding the pond. Commissioner Otis stated that the insurance risk manager would review the safety and compliance code for the fencing. Commissioner Ilse questioned the financing of the project.

Commissioner Otis gave a report on the Westchester Triathlon. He stated that the event raised over \$500,000 for charity and it was a great success due to all the municipalities involved worked together by having group meetings.

Letter from Water's Edge was read. They are asking the Commission to use the Rye Town Park parking lot while their building goes under renovations. President Morabito stated that this project should take place between January and March. The Commission asked about insurance, and Commissioner Rand asked about a gatekeeper watching the cars at night while parked at the parking lot. He also stated that whatever the extra costs to the Commission should be paid for by Water's Edge. Commissioner Ilse wants all the above in writing. The Commission gave permission for Commissioner Otis and Secretary Raymond Sculky to have a meeting with Water's Edge representatives on the above.

Commissioner Ilse read the following statement: update the point of sale computers and software; restructure the middle gate to properly control the collection of fees and that crowd control be in the hands of an retired police officer who lives out of the area; a table of organization be established for the staffing of Life Guards; Cashiers; and Attendants including hours they worked and under what conditions so that we are properly staffed but not overstaffed; our new accountants audit each of the suppliers accounts in order to determine where competitive

bidding is required; and a self standing account be established for the Duck Pond Project for all revenues and expenses.

President Morabito stated that he is working on designing a new middle gate entrance with Rex Gedney and John Ambrose of SeaSide Johnnies Restaurant, who is willing to pay for the above. Commissioner Otis stated that any new fencing at the Park be the same as the wrought iron fence presently at the Park now.

Bernard Abel of the public asked if the flag at the courtroom could be replaced. Richard Abel asked about the Security at the Park.

On a motion by Commissioner Rand and seconded by Commissioner Logan, the Commission adjourned into Executive Session at 7:08P.M. to discuss personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

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