



RYE TOWN PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2016

A regular monthly meeting of the Rye Town Park Commission of the Town and the City of Rye, New York, was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00P.M. at the Village of Port Chester Courtroom, 350 North Main Street, Port Chester, New York with Commission President Gary J. Zuckerman presiding.

PRESENT: in addition to Commissioner Zuckerman were Commissioners Julie Killian, Paul Rosenberg, Joseph Sack and Benedict Salanitro and Commission Secretary Debbie Reisner

ALSO

PRESENT: was Town Attorney Paul Noto, Assistant Park Director – Finance Terry Fanelli, Assistant Park Director – Development William Lawyer, and Town Councilman William Villanova.

ABSENT: Dennis Pilla

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Goldie Solomon led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A video recorder and an audio recorder were in use during the proceedings.

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Supervisor Zuckerman called the meeting to order and asked Commission Secretary Debbie Reisner to call the roll.

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On a motion by Commissioner Salanitro, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberg, the minutes for January 19 and February 16 were approved

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Supervisor Zuckerman asked for comments from the public.

Diane Horner of 129 Beach Ave. Mamaroneck said that she has lived at that residence for 46 years and that her family has been using Oakland Beach since moving there. She loves the beach and loves the staff. She expressed concerned about the parking at RTP when there are events at the two pavilions.

Goldie Solomon of and identified herself as a historian for the Village of Port Chester, said that she was shocked nobody was appointed to attend the meeting from Port Chester. She went on to praise Oakland Beach and staff and expressed concern about the dog policy

Phillip Horner of 129 Beach Avenue, husband of previous speaker reported that the noise from parties was very loud and asked the Commission to consider adopting a noise level limit. Assistant Park Director - Finance Terry Fanelli, noted they never reserve parking for parties. As far as loud music, they do enforce the noise and music levels.

Russel Gold of 7 Hayward Place in Rye stated that he doesn't think permit increases should be applied to residents and would prefer increases affect non-residents only. He added that holding prices steady for residents might encourage more participation by residents of the town.

Commissioner Salanitro thanked all the Rye Neck people for coming, and encouraged more to come and bring neighbors. Mr. Zuckerman expressed the intention to hold a commission meeting at Rye Neck High School soon.

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REGARDING APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF THE FILM PERMIT FEE

On a motion to approve by the Commissioner Salanitro, seconded by Commissioner Kilian, a waiver of the film permit fee was sought and granted to screen studies student Carly Sposta who will be filming scenes for her capstone project was granted as follows:

VOICE VOTE

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Pilla

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The Park Management Report was received from Assistant Park Director – Development William Lawyer.

It was decided that this year's Community Conversation would be held on May 14, 2016 from 10:00 AM -11:30 AM in the Pavilion at Rye Town Park.

A brief presentation was made by David Rasmussen of 11 Central Avenue in Port Chester, former president of Friends of Rye Town Park who reviewed the mission and accomplishments of the Friends of Rye Town Park. He described the gardens that have been re-done, the Concert and Movie Program the group sponsored and how the Friends organization has been able to raise private funds for support of the park.

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A representative of the National Alliance for Mental Health (NAMI) made a brief presentation and request for approval to hold an event to raise awareness and support for people living with mental illness and for people providing care for people living with mental illness. The proposed event is to be held on the weekend of April 30-May 1st. A motion to approve the NAMI application was made by Commissioner Salanitro and seconded by Commissioner Rosenberg. Voice vote to pass

VOICE VOTE

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Pilla

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Confidential Secretary Debbie Reisner walked the Commissioners through the draft budget before them. Commissioner Salanitro made a motion that the Commission go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing of changes in particular personnel at the park.

VOICE VOTE

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Pilla

When the Meeting Continued the budget discussion was tabled.

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CONSIDERING SUBMISSIONS TO THE COMMISSION'S OUTSTANDING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Commissioner Zuckerman reported on questions submitted to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and lead a brief discussion on the topic. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the production of a beach ramp Commissioner Salanitro noted that that he was going to speak to architect Lisa Easton to set up a plan.

Commissioner Salanitro noted the County's sewer project is being postponed until the fall in light of the activities at Playland.

There being no further business, Gary Zuckerman made a motion to adjourn and approved unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Reisner
Secretary to the Rye Town Park Commission