

Westchester County Board of Legislators

**COMMITTEE ON public works, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR AND PARKS
JOINT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY**

MINUTES: September 12, 2007
11:00 AM

**committee ON public works, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR AND
PARKS**

MEMBERS: Chair: K. Jenkins; Legislators: J. Alvarado, B. Burton, J. Myers, V. Pinto, S. Swanson

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

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IN ATTENDANCE: CE: A. Neuman, B. Randolph; **STATE DOL:** M. Cox, J. Gallagher; **PARKS:** J. Stout, D. McBride, P. Tartaglia, P. Neglia; **DPS:** D. Long, F. Tirri; **PRESS:** T. Everson, News 12, G. Blain, Journal News; **BOL STAFF:** B. Bochow, C. Gilliberti, M. Montalto, L. Gantress, R. Pezzullo, N. Rentz

With a meeting quorum present, the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, & Parks was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

With a meeting quorum present, the Committee on Public Safety & Security was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

PLAYLAND: State Department of Labor Accident Report

Representatives from the New York State Department of Labor, Director Maureen Cox and Program Manager Joseph Gallagher spoke with the committee about their agency's evaluation of the June 29, 2007 accident. Ms. Cox and Mr. Gallagher presented the contents. Through their investigation they confirmed, through witness statements, that the ride operator rode the Mind Scrambler without securing a belt and was not seated

when the ride began. They went on to state that she should not have been on the ride at all, as she was the ride supervisor. There were no mechanical problems with the ride.

A copy of the NYS Department of Labor Accident Report is on-file and available upon request.

Both committees asked that a standing request be made to receive reports from the regular inspection of rides at Playland Amusement Park.

On a motion by Legislator Swanson, seconded by Legislator Kaplowitz, the Committee on Public Safety & Security adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

PLAYLAND: Future of Concessionaire Rides at Playland

Commissioner of Parks Joseph Stout stated that it is the administration's position that if the concessionaire rides are removed and replaced with county-owned rides, that overall revenue produced by Playland would increase dramatically, and that the safety aboard said county-owned rides would be directly controlled by the county.

Chairman Ryan noted that the Committee and the Board had made it clear that they want to have a part in any decision to remove or replace certain rides at Playland.

On a motion by Legislator Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Pinto, the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, & Parks adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST