

Westchester County Board of Legislators

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, LABOR & TRANSPORTATION

MINUTES: May 24, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ryan (Chair), Burrows, Myers, Rogowsky, A. Williams

GUESTS: K. Delgado (CE Office)

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Referrals to the County Executive:

On the motion of Legislator Myers and the second of Legislator Burrows, the following items were, by unanimous vote, referred to the County Executive for action:

- HON. JOHN TESTA: Return - Sewer Dist Mod - Cortlandt: Forwarding a Resolution from the Town of Cortlandt requesting the removal of a parcel of property from the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District. [32 Hill and Dale Road]
- HON. JOHN NONNA: Removal - Sewer Dist Mod - Mt. Pleasant: Forwarding a Resolution from the Town of Mount Pleasant regarding the removal of property from the County Saw Mill Sewer District. [46 Walnut Street]
- HON. JOHN NONNA: Removal - Sewer Dist Mod - Mt. Pleasant: Forwarding a Resolution from the Town of Mount Pleasant requesting the removal of property from the County Saw Mill Sewer District. [27 Stephenson Terrace]
- HON. MICHAEL KAPLOWITZ: Inclusion - Sewer District Modification - Yorktown: Forwarding correspondence from the Town of Yorktown requesting the inclusion of property into the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District. [2804 Gomer Street]

Update on Playland contract with FUNtastic Amusements, Inc. / Glen Davis

Legislator Ryan reviewed the May 10 committee meeting discussion which focused on two issues: a license agreement to cover 2010 amusement park operations and a payment agreement for the amount unpaid on the 2009 contract. The new contract covering 2010 would likely be written for only one year, unlike other concessionaire contracts that within the past ten years have been written for various terms ranging from one to five years. Only one-year contracts are now being entered into by the County Parks Department as the Astorino Administration is uncertain as to its position on the future of Playland.

Last weekend, FUNtastic was operating its rides and amusements at Playland. Mr. Davis hopes 2010 is a better season financially than 2009. The PWPLT Committee's efforts were of assistance to Mr. Davis as a long-time Playland concessionaire, and of benefit to the County and taxpayers in

helping to structure a revenue producing license agreement and a payment agreement for the balance owed from 2009.

The legislators received a copy of a memo from the Law Department outlining the terms of these two agreements.

Legislator Ryan previewed some of the topics that could be taken up by the PWPLT Committee in the future:

- The County's existing five-year contract with Westchester Concessions, Inc. Who is this concessionaire? What arrangements does it have to operate at Playland?
- Playland operating as an amusement park under the management of the Playland Park Commission rather than the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Does a consultant's report presented to the Administration several years ago suggest that Playland could be operated more profitably if managed by the Playland Park Commission?
- The relationship between the County Parks Department, Friends of the Parks and Westchester Concessions; the relationship between County Parks and the traditional Playland concessionaires.
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of the County's partnership with concessionaires in the operation of rides, games and food at Playland?
- The future of Playland. Will it continue as an active amusement park? What about a plan of use that emphasizes playing fields, the beach and other recreation opportunities that are not typical amusement park rides and games? Do the historic rides become non-functioning "museum pieces?"
- The Playland Master Plan as presented to the Board of Legislators about five years ago.

The Committee Coordinator was asked to obtain a copy of the recent State Comptroller's audit of the County's golf operation.

On the motion of Legislator Burrows, seconded by Legislator Myers, the Committee minutes of May 24 were approved as submitted.

There being no further business before the Committee, on motion of Legislator Burrows, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:47 pm.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST