Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair   Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs McGarry and Caterbone and Committee Member Reps. Mahoney, Nabel, Pratt and Ryan. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. DePina, Doyle, Giordano and Heaphy. Also present were David Winston, Lyda Ruijter, Althea Brown, Joseph Andreana and Beth Cooper, Parks & Recreation Commission; Kevin Murray, Parks & Facilities Manager; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Captain Sue Bretthauer, Stamford Police Department; and Martin Levine.

Co-Chair McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
[1]4. PR29.019	RESOLUTION; Mandating that Newman Mills/Riverwalk Park be designated a parking permit park. 09/03/14 – Submitted by Kevin Murray	**APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING 6-0-0**

The Committee first considered Item No. 4. Mr. Murray explained that:
- the City is seeking approval of requiring a resident parking permit at the park
- The park is listed on an internet site as having a swimming hole, as a result of which people come from all over to swim at the park
- Many park rules are being broken and many of the people who use the park are from out of state
- Right now they can only cite people for violating park rules
- They would like to require people to have beach stickers (either resident or non-resident stickers) to use the park
- The police are on-board to enforce this
- The gate at the park is not operational
- The park closes at sunset, so anyone could be ticketed after dark

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Captain Bretthauer stated that:
- the Police Department handles calls for this park
- Requiring permit parking will lessen the number of people using the park
- She makes sure that the patrols of the park are increased in the summer

In response to questions from the committee members, Mr. Murray, Captain Bretthauer, Ernie Orgera and the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission stated:
- This is only a summertime problem
- The lot can only hold 15-20 cars, and the streets around the park are signed "no parking, tow-away zone", which has helped to reduce the parking on the street
- The fine for parking without a permit is $55, but the police would be able to find people in the park and make them move their cars

A motion to hold a public hearing on this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. McGarry, Caterbone, Mahoney, Nabel, Pratt and Ryan in favor.)

1. PR29.015	REVIEW; Sterling Farms' building improvement plans and restaurant leases 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Reeder, Caterbone & McGarry 06/24/14 – No action taken 08/19/14 – Held in Committee	**HELD IN COMMITTEE**

This item was held because the members of Sterling Farms were unable to attend.

2. PR29.016	REVIEW; Potential ordinance amendment/adoption regarding regulation of the launching of certain boats and water craft from Public Access points and Street Ends abutting or accessing Stamford Harbor, Westcott Cove, and the Long Island Sound. 06/05/14 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan 08/19/14 – Report Made	**HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Rep. Ryan stated that he is working on a draft ordinance for this item and asked that it be held. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. McGarry, Caterbone, Mahoney, Nabel, Pratt and Ryan in favor.)

[2]3. PR29.018	REVIEW; Status of possible replacement of Super Storm Sandy-destroyed fence at Cove Island Park in proximity to the rocky ledge currently cordoned off with temporary barricades. 09/03/14 – Submitted by Rep. McGarry	**REPORT MADE**

Mr. Murray gave a report on the work scheduled at the parks due to Super Storm Sandy and the FEMA reimbursement. This work is scheduled to be done next season.

Co-Chair McGarry adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

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