



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Mahoney and McGarry and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Stella, Watkins Saftic and Wallace. Also present were Reps. Michelson, Sherwood, Summerville and Zelinsky; David Winston, Parks and Recreation Commission; and Michael Pollard, Mayor's Office; and Capt. Eric Knott, State Harbor Master

Co-Chair McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitees (or designees)
1. PR30.006	REVIEW and PUBLIC HEARING; Status of Parks Police presence in City Parks and the Role of the Parks Police in the Safety of our Residents in these Parks. 03/10/18 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins, Sherwood and Michelson 03/20/18 – Report Made and Held in Committee	REPORT MADE

¹There were several members of the public present to speak on this item. The majority of public presenters were against the Mayor's current plan.

David Winston from the Parks and Recreation Committee read the [attached](#) into the record.

²Mr. Pollard spoke briefly regarding this item and talked about the challenges fiscally that the City has is being discussed at this time in Executive Session with the Board of Representatives Fiscal Committee and the Mayor. He said the Mayor is open to budget increase for parks police but there are barriers. The Mayor has done a lot to increase public safety for the City of Stamford and has the highest amount of officers in the City

¹ Video Time Stamp 00:16:16 Public Hearing

² Video Time Stamp 01:25:20 PR30.006 Michael Pollard Presentation

since 2002. He said the leadership of the City of Stamford highest priority is public safety.

³After detailed discussion on adding Park Police, a motion was made to hold this item, said motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. McGarry, Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Saftic, Stella, Wallace and Watkins in favor).

⁴2. [PR30.004](#) REVIEW; Maintenance, Upkeep and Future Plans **REPORT MADE**
for Marinas.
02/07/18 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and
Figueroa
02/26/18 – Report Made and Held in Committee
03/20/18 – Report Made and Held in Committee

Mr. Knott spoke briefly on this item. He said since the last meeting a lot of work has been done. He stated the City staff had been doing other work in the City and that they were horrified by the conditions of the marinas. City employees started the maintenance of the marinas with emphasis on mitigating the hazards that were identified at the last Parks and Recreation meeting and started to categorize the additional work needed in the marinas.

After a short presentation and discussion, a motion was made to hold this item, said motion was seconded and approved by a vote 11-0-0. (Reps. McGarry, Mahoney, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Saftic, Stella, Wallace and Watkins in favor).

Co-Chair McGarry adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)

³ Video Time Stamp 01:39:41 Committee Discussion

⁴ Video Time Stamp 00:01:00 PR30.004