



## ***Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives***

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

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center,  
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Mahoney and Committee Member Reps., de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Saftic, Stella, and Wallace. Absent or excused were Co-Chair McGarry and Aquila. Also present were Reps. Sherwood; Erin McKenna, Land Use Bureau; Thomas Lombardo, Police Dept.; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Peter Gould, Park Police; Lou Casolo, Engineering; and Jennifer Calder, Health Director.

Co-Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A motion to take PR30.034 was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>13.</sup> PR30.034	REVIEW; Plans for Revitalization of Cummings Park. 09/04/19 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood 09/09/19 – Moved to Pending	<b>Report Made</b>

The Committee discussed the [attached information](#) with Erin McKenna. Ms. McKenna noted that the pavilion is not ADA compliance. Ms. McKenna will update the committee on an annual basis or more often, as necessary, on the progress of the revitalization plan. She provided the committee with the [budget schedule](#) for the City of Stamford.

<sup>21.</sup> <a href="#">PR30.023</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Banning Smoking in City-Owned Beaches, Parks & Other Recreational Locations. 05/08/19 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Pratt 05/13/19 – Moved to Pending 06/18/19 – Held in Committee 7-0-0 07/08/19 – Moved to Pending <b>09/17/19 – Held by Committee 6-0-0</b>	<b>Committee Held 5-3-0</b>
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Committee discussed the following:

- Confirmed this ordinance can be enforced with effort
- Life Guards can call police but cannot enforce
- Civil Citation officers have no police authority; Officer Gould does not agree with civil citations officers enforcing the ban

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp PR30.034 00:00:45 Discussion

<sup>2</sup> Video Time Stamp PR30.023 00:30:45 Discussion

- Some members in favor of smoking areas
- Discussed medical marijuana users being harassed; confirmed medical marijuana users are not allowed to smoke in public areas
- An infraction, under this ordinance, must be witnessed by the officer
- First offense would be a written warning
- No ban for golf courses seems unjust
- Committee agrees to hear from the public

After a lengthy discussion a motion to approve this item for publication was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 3-5-0. (Giordano, Pratt and Stella in favor; Mahoney, Matherne, Saftic, Wallace and Watkins opposed)

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-3-0. (Mahoney, Matherne, Pratt, Wallace, and Watkins in favor; Giordano, Saftic and Stella opposed)

2. PR30.037                      REVIEW; Update on Lione Park Bathrooms.                      **Report Made**  
10/08/19 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Pratt

Committee Discussed:

- There's only one urinal and one toilet in men bathroom; been working for 2 years on ways to resolve this problem
- Complaints from neighbors and people using the park of the uncleanness
- Project was put on hold because of cost
- Lou Casolo was asked by many people to develop a resolution to this issue
  - Provided different layouts to the Director of Operations
  - Director of operations picked a layout but it does not include expansion of building
  - Developed a cost estimate from the layout chosen (just a concept plan)
  - Once the cost estimate was received, confirmation was received to proceed with this design.
  - Contacted architect that the City has used that designed bathrooms at Scalzi Park
  - Once received the final design cost proposal, it exceeded the threshold for the purchasing ordinance
  - Mr. Casolo had to get 2 other quotes from architects for this job
  - Once received, returned to lowest bidder and is now going through the regular process and moving forward
  - Funding is in place
  - The construction document that will be in for bid will be finished in a few weeks
  - Contract award will be in February 2020
  - Construction may take 4 months; Early summer should be completed
  - Existing facilities 3 toilets for women; 1 urinal and 1 toilet for men
  - Proposed; 2 toilets 5 urinals for men; 4 toilets for women
  - Confirmed lighting will be increased

Co-Chair Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

