Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee Minutes
Teleconference

May 12, 2020

Committee Members Present
Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board
Albert Klingele, Chair, Parks Committee
Phyllis Catania
Engjell Lleshi
Nicole Nigro
Anthony Riccardelli

Committee Members Absent
Michael DiPilato
Sherif Farag
Dianne Mattioli

Committee Members Present
Frank Contrera
Daniel Venuto

Staff
Charlene Wagner, District Manager
Stacey Wertheim, Community Coordinator
Susan LaForgia, Community Coordinator

Guests
Jennifer Miller, Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR)

Public Contact Session
None.

Agenda
Navigating Webex – This was the first Parks & Environmental Committee meeting held virtually through the Webex application. Charlene opened the meeting and helped the Board members become familiar with its features.

Jennifer Miller from NYC DPR, Borough of Staten Island gave an update on Parks rules during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Parks are open but Social Distancing must be practiced
- No group exercising, solo exercising permitted
- No team sports
- Some Restrooms are open
- No Special Event applications accepted
- Permit sales suspended
• Marinas open for personal use
• Ambassadors are in the field to guide the public
• Masks being distributed in the parks
• Non-essential construction has stopped
• Online posts include Tuesdays- Urban Park Rangers; Wednesdays- Park Tours; Meditation segments; Home gardening; Wildlife; Fitness videos; Greenbelt Conservation videos Fresh Kills Park- Educational videos.
• For the summer: Pools will be closed. Beach status has not been announced.
• Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex is a food distribution site.

The following are closed:
Playgrounds, Rec Centers (memberships frozen), Basketball, Handball, Tennis, Bocce, and Volleyball Courts, BBQs, Dog Runs, Historic and Nature Centers.

Park Updates:
• On April 16th a modified Ribbon Cutting took place at the new Conference House Park Pavilion. Plans for an official Ribbon Cutting TBD.
• Bloomingdale Park Shade Structure is completed.

Old Business
None

New Business
Frank Contrera reported that there are trucks driving on Lemon Creek Beach. He states that a traffic control device is needed to block vehicles from entering the beach.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Klingele
Chairman, Parks Committee