

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION HELD IN THE  
BOARD ROOM AT 318 LAKEVILLE ROAD ON  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Larry Farkas, Commissioner  
Rob Gal, Deputy  
Suzanne Browar  
Dina Burachio  
Michael Cohen  
Marian Lee  
Mario Ranieri  
Jonathan Witt  
Stephen Kanfer, Alternate  
Eileen Sarroff, Alternate

**ABSENT**

Lori Burkhoff  
Kara Mindel  
Sharon Perlson  
Marc Voses  
Spyro Dimitratos, Alternate

Also present:

Patrick Farrell, Village Administrator  
Pat McDermott, DPW Superintendent  
Jilian Weihs, Co-Director  
Marone Guriel, Resident 3 Dale Carnegie Court

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Farkas at 7:30 pm.

Commissioner Farkas introduced the new DPW Superintendent, Pat McDermott. Mr. McDermott was previously the Village's Superintendent 9 1/2 years ago and has most recently held the position of Park Superintendent for the Village of Lynbrook. He has current certifications in CPR, AED and first aid and is a certified instructor for those courses. He also holds a Certified Pool Operator certification. Mr. McDermott briefly informed the Commission about what issues have already been taken care of since the park walk-around that he did with the Commissioner earlier in the week and assured the members that any on-going or future concerns will be addressed by him as soon as practicable.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** June 26, 2019

Jonathan Witt motioned to accept the minutes of June 26, 2019 as presented, seconded by Dina Burachio and unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Farkas informed the Commission that all the waning shrubs along the east wall of the pool and the rear of the interior basketball court will be removed by DPW and replaced by arborvitae right after the pool closes for the season. He asked the members to think about further upgrades to the park's landscaping that can be undertaken in the Spring.

The Camp is very happy with the service and quality of the food from the new concessionaire and they feel he has provided some of the best camp lunches that they ever had. The simple menu at the snack bar has been acceptable with some very good items. Commissioner Farkas asked the Commission to think of new park events or ideas that the concessionaire can be used for to keep him interested in staying.

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

Mario Ranieri reported on the poor attendance of the August 2 movie night. Discussion will take place at a future meeting about revamping or reducing the quantity of the movie events next year and the need for better participation overall by the park commission members in helping at all planned park events.

The final event of the season will be scheduled for Sunday, October 27. The possibility of reserving the ballroom as an alternate location in case of inclement weather will be looked into. A discussion ensued on adding activities to the evening including a “make your own slime” booth, hayrides, costume parade and pumpkin carving contest.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Jilian reported that the staff shortage is being managed as best as possible. Commissioner Farkas reported that there is an overall lifeguard shortage for the area with the Great Neck Estates and Russell Gardens pools experiencing the same crisis. He wants to try to be more aggressive in attracting and keeping high school age lifeguards. The Commissioner is in the preliminary phase of seeing if we can hold a lifeguard course at the Village pool to attract local candidates to train here and then commit to joining our staff.

There will be 2 DPW staff staying until 5pm to offset the shortage of rec staff ability to help clean up after the barbeque.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Commissioner Farkas, seconded by Marian Lee, the Commission moved into executive session at 9:05 pm to discuss a personnel issue. Commissioner Farkas reconvened the regular meeting at 9:20 pm and since no action had been taken during executive session, there are no minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Morrissey  
Park Commission Secretary