

# COMMUNITY BOARD #3

655 Rossville Avenue  
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309

## Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes

January 13, 2009

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**\*denotes Committee members**

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board

John Donohue, Chairman\*

Gerald Amerosi\*

Phyllis Catania\*

Frank DeRosa\*

Patricia Maresca\*

John Tanzi\*

Thomas Zablocki\*

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sherif Farag

### **GUESTS:**

Carol Hefty, Crescent Beach Civic

Tony Arcamone, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

Joe Malvaso, NY 1 News

Pat Romano, Bay Terrace Citizen Committee

Doug Stezeleck, Bay Terrace Citizen Committee

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### **CRESCENT BEACH PARK:**

The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation "PARKS" requested the Parks & Recreation Committee review, comment and/or approve the scope of work for "Crescent Beach Park" as submitted by them. Councilman Vincent Ignizio has committed \$1,600,000.00 for this 40.731 acre project. The initial plans were hand drawn and submitted by Carol Hefty of the Crescent Beach Civic Association. Her original plan was reviewed by the Committee. Upon reviewing the Scope Items of the work that was to be done by PARKS In-House Design Team a glaring discrepancy was revealed. A major disparity was the sea wall and rock jetty were not reflected on the PARKS' proposed plans. Accommodations for a majority of active recreation activities for youth were also omitted. After careful assessment a motion was made.

**MOTION:** by Phyllis Catania "Community Board #3 approve the concept of the proposals, however, ultimate approval will be contingent of the Committee's review and acceptance of the final proposal.

**SECOND: Thomas Zablocki**

**VOTE: 8-0-0**

**FRESH KILLS PARK:**

The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation “PARKS” has requested that the Parks & Recreation Committee review, comment and/or approve the scope of work for “Fresh Kills Park”. The current scope of work is identified as Phase 3B. The first phase, Owl Hollow Soccer Field Project, is scheduled for completion in 2009, the second phase, Owl Hollow Comfort Station, is scheduled for completion in 2010. The third phase, Phase 3A, is the development of a portion of North Park and scheduled for completion in 2011. The committee reviewed the Scope of Work presented by the Parks and Recreation Field Operations. It indicates the following:

- The existing recreational features including paths, tracks, fields, comfort stations, courts, boat launches, etc. to be reconstructed, or new recreational features to be added at this park as part of this project.
- New recreational features in this design contract will consist of bike paths, walking trails, and softball fields.
- The site will be developed with plantings, parking, and a small comfort station.

**MOTION:** by Frank DeRosa “that Community Board #3 approve the concept of the proposals with final approval contingent upon review and approval of final design.

**SECOND:** Patricia Maresca

**VOTE:** 8-0-0

**TOTTENVILLE PARK:**

Committee reviewed a Request for Proposal “RFP” for the Sale of Specialty Food from Mobile Food Units at Tottenville Park (available immediately) Hylan Blvd and Joline Avenue.

**MOTION:** by John Tanzi “Community Board #3 approve the location for the Sale of Specialty Food from the Mobile Food Units at Tottenville Parks for a five (5) year term.

**SECOND:** Gerald Amerosi.

**VOTE:** 8-0-0

**SOUTH SHORE GOLF COURSE:**

Committee reviewed a Request for Proposal “RFP” for a significant concession for the operation and maintenance of a high-quality restaurant/catering facility, and snack bar at the South Shore Golf Course.

**MOTION:** by John Tanzi “Community Board #3 approve the location for a significant concession for the operation and maintenance of a high-quality restaurant/catering facility, and snack bar at the South Shore Gold Course for a period of (15) years.

**SECOND:** Gerald Amerosi.

**Vote:** 8-0-0

**P.S. 53 vs. PARKS:**

The Bay Terrace Concerned Citizens group gave an update to the Parks & Recreation Committee regarding P.S.53’s Principal and her determination to expand P.S. 53 from K-5 to K-8. The Bay Terrace Concerned Citizens restate their opposition to this proposal.

**MUNICIPAL LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM:**

The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation “PARKS” has begun to recruit lifeguard candidates for 2009 summer season. The minimum qualifications to enter the course are that participants be 16 years of age by June (for beaches) or July (for pools), have eyesight no worse than 20/30 in one eye and 20/40 in the other, and be able to swim 50 yards in 35 seconds with proper form. First- year lifeguards will earn at least \$13.75 an hour, and most lifeguards work a 6-day week, earning a weekly salary of at least \$651.36. If you have questions or suggestions, please call Roy Tellason, Lifeguard Recruitment Coordinator, at (212) 360-1328, or send an e-mail to [Roy.Tellason@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Roy.Tellason@parks.nyc.gov).

**COMMUNITY DESIGN PROGRAM:**

The Community Design program engages community groups in a participatory design process to create parkland that integrates and reflects the unique goals of their community. It also empowers them with skills, specifically targeted at strategic planning and organizing. New Yorkers for Parks assists city residents in becoming stronger advocates for healthier, more livable neighborhoods. For information call (212) 838-9410 ext. 302.

**BLUE HEON PARK LAND ACQUISITION:**

The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation has asked for the purchase of five (5) lots on Sycamore Street off Barkley Avenue. Four (4) of the lots are wetlands and have been available for years. The 5<sup>th</sup> lot is privately owned and is believed to also be a wetland. The Committee thinks this money can be used more prudently instead of purchasing land during the current fiscal crisis. The Committee suggests a compromise that would utilize “PARKS” dormant land that is urgently needed by our South Shore Communities. A negotiation with “PARKS” for the following would include:

- A Play Lot in Blue Heron Park
- The 3 acres on Bentley Street in Tottenville and property on Herbert Street in Pleasant Plains owned by “PARKS” to be designated for use as a Park & Ride.
- “PARKS” must agree to a secondary road access for Wolf’s Pond Park

And, in return, Community Board #3 will agree to “PARKS” five (5) parcel land acquisition known as Sycamore Street.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Donohue, Chairman\  
Parks & Recreation Committee