



# Parks & Recreation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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Monday, July 12, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation and Environment & Health

*With a quorum present, Chair Tubiolo called the meeting to order at 10:58 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Colin Smith, Kitley Covill, Nancy Barr, Margaret Cunzio, Vedat Gashi, Chris Johnson, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Yolanda Valencia, Anand Singh Remote (not eligible to vote): Alfreda Williams DPS Remote: Thomas Gleason, William McGuinness PLANNING: Norma Drummond, Dave Kvinge PARKS Remote: Kathy O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Ken Uhle LAW: Carla Chaves LAW Remote: David Vutera WCC Remote: Brian Murphy, Stew Glass, Teri Wisell*

**Present:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Shimsky and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

### MINUTES APPROVAL

June 7, 2021 at 10AM Minutes

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Walter, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Shimsky and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

June 14, 2021 at 10 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Shimsky and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### [ACT-2021-128](#) BOND ACT-RMS03-Merestead Out Buildings

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RMS03 - Merestead Out Buildings.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and PW&T

Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Peter Tartaglia-Department of Parks & Recreation

*Commissioner O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia and Ken Uhle appeared before the committees to discuss the Bond Act RMS03- Merestead Out Buildings. This is an Bond Act in the amount of \$400,000 to finance the cost of design of the restoration of the Farm House at the County's Merestead Park located in Bedford and New Castle. The Farm House is a part of the Farmstead at Merestead. It is believed to have been constructed in the early-to-mid-19th century. The Farm House still retains a high level of historic integrity but is in need of restoration. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic places. Design is scheduled to take 9 months to complete and construction is anticipated to take 12 months. First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia discussed that the house is in very poor condition and the Nation Historic Trust has all the pictures and information regarding the condition of the Farm House. Legislator Maher asked to see additional photos. Legislator Maher also asked if the Department had any idea of projected use for this building once it has been renovated. Mr. Tartaglia said it is too soon to tell what it can be used for, but they are looking at all possibilities including looking for partners. He said it would be a mixed use property within what they are allowed to do. The property is not easy to get to, set off the main road in a neighborhood in Bedford. Legislator Maher asked how much the total restoration would cost. Mr. Tartaglia stated they have an approximate number. He said preliminary estimates are between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million. Legislator Barr asked if the lawsuit has been settled? Mr. Tartaglia said it has not been settled. Legislator Covill discussed the details of the lawsuit. Legislator Maher voted without prejudice (WOP)*

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Shimsky and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

**[ACT-2021-127](#) BOND ACT-RGP13-Gen'l Infrast.-Equipment Acquisition '21-'25**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP13 - General Infrastructure - Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025).

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, PARKS & RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH.***

Joint with B&A, PW&T and E&H

Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Peter Tartaglia-Department of Parks & Recreation

*Commissioner O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia and Ken Uhle appeared before the committees to discuss the Bond Act RGP13- General Infrastructure - Equipment Acquisition '21-'25. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance the purchase and installation of senior fitness equipment at various County parks. It was discussed that for the mature adult population, active aging is a tremendously important key to continued physical and emotional health. Besides offering a wide range of activities to increase strength*

*and regain lost agility, it can also promote socialization and increase motivation. The Parks Department will evaluate potential locations and work with consultants to determine the equipment that fits the needs of the park users.*

*Commissioner O'Connor discussed that they are working location to get the most uses, prevent vandalism and be within walking distances of residents. She said they are concentrating on one location at this time. She did discuss that additionally working with the Department of Health they were able to obtain a grant to be installed at Tibbets Brook Park. Legislator Walter discussed that during the pandemic, that many seniors are not able to get together for their programs and socialization indoors and that their was an increased need for outside spaces for them to gather and exercise. She is very excited to see this project move forward.*

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Shimsky and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was adjourned at 11:33 AM.