



# Parks & Recreation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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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

*The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

*With a quorum present, Chair Borgia called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Margaret Cunzio, Vedat Gashi, Kitley Covill, Colin Smith, Alessandra Restiano, Yolanda Valencia, James Silverberg, Elizabeth LoBello  
BOL REMOTE: MaryJane Shimsky, Chris Johnson, Alfreda Williams, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels  
WCC REMOTE: Brian Murphy, Stewart Glass, Scott Sullivan  
LAW REMOTE: Lynne Colavita  
CE REMOTE: Chris Steers  
BUDGET REMOTE: Gideon Grande  
PRC REMOTE: Kathy O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Ken Uhle  
PLANNING REMOTE: Norma Drummond, Anthony Zaino, Leo Gruenfeld*

**Present:** Legislator Boykin and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

**Remote:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

## MINUTES APPROVAL

July 12, 2021 at 10 AM Minutes

On motion of, the above item was tabled. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### [ACT-2021-163](#) BOND ACT-RGP14-Water Bottle Refill Stations

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP 14 - Water Bottle Refill Stations.

**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 RGP14- Water Bottle Refill Stations. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$750,000 that will fund the design and installation of fast-fill, bottle fill fountains at various County Parks. First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia that this would project would replace many of the water fountains in the County Parks system. The purpose of this project is to help visitors go green, reduce liter all while providing a sanitary water option for the public. He said these station are freezer resistant and can be used through the winter months. Mr. Tartaglia discussed that a future project will be spread these stations throughout the County Parks and Trails but this project will replace the fountains only in areas that have existing water line. Mr. Tartaglia said that the bid this out and he will get a better price, but estimating around \$3000 to \$3500 per station. Legislator Walter asked if this project will also allow for water stations to be available indoors? Mr. Tartaglia said, they will look into indoor areas, this is still in the design phase, and they will look anywhere in a park indoor or outdoor to place a refill station.*

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Walter, seconded by Legislator Maher, 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

[2021-478](#)

**ENV RES-RBR02-Bronx River Reservation-Scout Field**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment for Capital Project RBR02 - Bronx River Reservation - Scout Field.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and Public Works & Transportation

Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor and First Deputy Peter Tartaglia - Department of Parks & Recreation; Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner - Department of Planning  
*Assistant Commissioner Zaino of the Planning Department, Commissioner O'Connor & First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia from the Department of Parks & Recreation appeared before the committees to discuss RBR02-Bronx River Reservation- Scout Field. Commissioner O'Connor began the discussion that there is a lot of interest in Scout Field, and that the Department is still working with the Town of Eastchester. They have done a lot of work to the parks and have a good working relationship with the Town of Eastchester Parks Department. She explained that this projects is to change the scope of work, which Assistant Commissioner Zaino will discuss.*

*Mr. Zaino explained that this portion of the project will entail the paving of a currently dirt pathway and rehabilitation to masonry repair to the stairs that currently connect the park to Gramatan Avenue. He explained that they are just adding the funding for this additional work to the project. Mr. Zaino went through the funding and purpose of the current project before the committees.*

*Chair Tubiolo of the Committee on Parks & Recreation asked that this item be held over so further discussion can be held with the municipalities, committees and Administration. Legislator Woodson- Samuels and Tubiolo are requesting that they have a conversation with all the stakeholders to discuss what has been done and what is going to be done to the Field. Commissioner O'Connor noted the current IMA with the Town of Eastchester has expired and the County has issued a special use permit to the Town of Eastchester until the end of the year. Eastchester and Bronxville maintain the park as set forth in the terms of the IMA. Scout Field is a County Park and the County is responsible for the park. Chairwoman Borgia of the Budget & Appropriations Committee and Chair Gashi of the Committee on Public Works & Transportation agreed to hold the item for further discussion with all the stakeholders.*

This RESOLUTION - Environmental Resolution was tabled

[2021-479](#)      **BOND ACT(Amended)-RBR02-Bronx River Reservation-Scout Field**

A BOND ACT (Amended) changing the scope of work authorized under ACT 142-2016 to include paving of an existing earth path, rehabilitation of existing pathways, masonry rehabilitation and associated work in connection with Capital Project RBR02 - Bronx River Reservation - Scout Field.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and Public Works & Transportation

Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Peter Tartaglia- Department of Parks & Recreation; Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner - Department of Planning

*please refer to item # 2.*

This ACT - Bond Act was tabled

[ACT-2021-164](#)      **IMA(Amended)-County's RiverWalk Trail-Tarrytown**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend Act No. 104-205 which authorized the County to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Tarrytown in connection with the construction of a portion of the County's RiverWalk Trail, in order to retroactively change the commencement date of the IMA from the date of execution, to June 15, 2015.

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

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation

Guests: Assistant Commissioner, Anthony Zaino - Department of Planning

*Assistant Commissioner Zaino of the Planning Department appeared before the committees to discuss IMA (Amended) - County's RiverWalk Trail - Tarrytown. This is an agreement with the Village of Tarrytown in connection with the construction of a portion of the County's RiverWalk Trail in order to retroactively change the commencement date of the IMA from the date of execution, to June 15, 2015. This is necessary to execute payment to the Village in the amount of \$470,000 for the cost of design. The RiverWalk is a 51.5 mile pathway paralleling the Hudson River in Westchester. When completed, it will link village center, historic sites,*

*parks and river access points via a connection of trails, esplanades and boardwalks. The RiverWalk spans 14 municipalities.*

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Committee Chair Tubiolo, 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 Shimsky, seconded by Committee Chair Tubiolo, the above item was adjourned at 11:41 AM.