



# Parks & Recreation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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Monday, November 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting with Budget & Appropriations and Law & Major Contracts

*The County Board met 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, Legislator Tubiolo the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.*

*Others in attendance: BOL: Legislators: Catherine Borgia, Vedat Gashi, Colin Smith, Kitley Covill Legislators (Remote): Margaret Cunzio, Alfreda Williams, Nancy Barr and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels; Chris Johnson; BOL Staff: Carolyn Stevens, Lisa Hochman, Melanie Montalto ; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Alie Restiano, Beth LoBello, Yolanda Valencia, Anad Singh (Remote) LAW: John Nonna and Sean Carey*

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

**Remote:** Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### [ACT-2021-195](#) ACT - Retainer Amendment - Standard Amusement

AN ACT authorizing the County to amend an agreement with the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, pursuant to which the firm was retained, at County expense, to serve in an "of counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, as needed, in connection with the bankruptcy filing by Standard Amusements LLC in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of NY, by increasing the authorized not-to-exceed amount of the agreement by NINETY THOUSAND (\$90,000) DOLLARS.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and Law & Major Contracts

Guest: County Attorney John Nonna

*Mr. Nonna said that from February through April 2021, Paul, Weiss partner Elizabeth Sacksteder participated with the County Attorney's office in multiple meetings before several*

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*Board of Legislators committees to explain and answer questions about the revised Playland Management Agreement. Ms. Sacksteder was also involved in negotiations with Standard Amusements and over revisions to the Management Agreement requested by the legislators. This work amounts, through June, to \$69,446.83 in currently-owed fees. Mr. Nonna noted that since then, all transition work has been handled by him and Tami Altschiller. Legislator Barr asked Mr. Nonna to discuss the discount we received from Paul Weiss, and Mr. Nonna said it was originally 15% but it went up to 20%. Legislator Tubiolo asked if we could decrease costs in the future by hiring more attorneys in a new bankruptcy division. Mr. Nonna noted that we don't have enough bankruptcy cases to make it worthwhile to hire lawyers who are experts in bankruptcy. Legislator Maher asked if the County attorneys take CLE classes in bankruptcy, and Mr. Nonna said even if they did, they would not have the expertise to go up against a major New York law firm that specializes in bankruptcy.*

*With a motion by Legislator Tubiolo and a seconded by Legislator Boykin the Committee entered into executive session at 11:23 AM.*

*With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and a seconded by Legislator Walter the Committee came out of executive session at 11:40 AM.*

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

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

**Nay:** Legislator Maher

**WO Prejudice:** Committee Chair Tubiolo

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Committee Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Walter, the above item was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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