



Public Works & Transportation

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Law & Major Contracts and Parks & Recreation committees

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 Barr called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Others in attendance: BOL: Legislator Damon Maher; Legislators (Remote): James Nolan, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, and Vedat Gashi; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Beth Lobello; Melanie Montalto (Remote)

Present: Legislator Barr

Absent: Legislator Smith

Remote: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. minutes

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion of the status of the capital project contracts for Playland infrastructure work, Mount Vernon Memorial Field, and the Glen Island bridge.

Guests: Dept. of Parks & Recreation: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia; Dept. of Public Works: Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Jim Antonaccio, Robert Abbamont, and Ken Uhle

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia gave an update of the status of the work at Playland, which is scheduled to open on or about May 20, 2022. The pool and bathhouse are slated to open in July. He said that work on the towers and colonnades is continuing. The fountain plaza and surrounding area are being restored and are under construction. The work is being done in phases over the next few years.

Legislator Maher asked if there are any significant change orders on any of these jobs which

will increase the projected cost. Mr. Antonaccio said the two emergency contracts are still under negotiation, so he can't openly discuss that. There is a change order for the pool for some unforeseen conditions that were discovered in the ground behind the bath house. There is also a change order for maintaining and programming the security system and the fire alarm. Legislator Maher asked if we are on course to be where we need to be for the 30 year term of the management agreement to start. Mr. Antonaccio said we are still more or less on the 5 year program. He said that a small part of the work that was under the breached contract might not be completed until the fall.

Legislator Maher asked if Standard Amusements is current in the capital improvements that are their responsibilities. Mr. Tartaglia said Standard is bringing a complete new point of sale system into the park, a new state of the art entertainment system for the fountain, adding three to four new rides, and replacing trees on the mall.

Legislator Shimsky asked what to what extent the construction schedule will have to be accelerated for the two emergency contracts. Mr. Antonacci said they are already underway, and both contractors have presented schedules, showing everything substantially complete by the end of May. He said that major progress has been made in just the last few weeks on the emergency contracts.

Legislator Shimsky asked if patrons will be able to take out their phones and buy tickets this year. Mr. Tartaglia said the infrastructure will be there, but he is not sure if Standard will have completed the work on their system. WiFi is one of Standard's responsibility. They are coordinating with the County's IT department.

Legislator Shimsky also asked what we are doing to address long term issues of storm resiliency. Mr. Antonacci said that we built everything to meet all current codes for storms, wind, earthquake, and flooding. We are moving the switch gear from the first level to the second level, which is completely above the flood plain. The new gear will come online in 2023.

Legislator Barr asked if the boardwalk is cleared when it snows. Mr. Tartaglia said the County never plows or shovels the boardwalk. It is not an emergency route, so it's not a necessity. Legislator Barr said that since the boardwalk is open for people to walk all year, we should make sure that if there is a dangerous condition, we need to put up barriers so people don't walk on it. Mr. Tartaglia said that most of the boardwalk is closed now due to the construction of the bath house, so there are signs up, but that is temporary. He said he will discuss this with staff and with Standard Amusement.

Legislator Parker asked if we will be able to monitor the new sales system to keep track of gross sales. Mr. Tartaglia said he will have to look at the contract and talk to John Nonna and get back to the committee with an answer.

Commissioner Greechan and Suzy Ghabour, a Senior Engineer with DPW, gave an update on Memorial Field. He said the project is going well, and is at 70% construction. They shared photos of the work being done. He said we don't have detailed budget numbers and time frames right now because there are too many open items, but we should that in the next month or so.

Legislator Woodson-Samuels said there are few items that were initially supposed to be part of the project that may have been removed, including the elevator to the press box. Commissioner Greechan said he was not aware that the elevator was ever in the scope of the project and is not now. Legislator Woodson-Samuels said he has read the language himself and it was. He also expressed concern that the track is only high school regulation and not of a professional standard. It doesn't make sense in a \$25 million stadium to use as an economic engine, but not without the required standards. Legislator Maher said he remembers talking about the facility being able to host the Empire Games. Commissioner Greechan said he will talk to designer regarding the standard of the track.

For the Glen Island Bridge, Legislator Maher asked if we have a written statement from the Coast Guard that we are bound to have a temporary drawbridge while we are rebuilding the current bridge, because 60% of the cost is the building and demolition of a temporary bridge that would only be there for 12 to 18 months. Mr. Tartaglia said we don't have a written letter, but there have been some preliminary discussions. All indications are that we would have to continue to provide a bridge of entry. He acknowledged the cost is high, but doing it this way allows us to do the most effective and efficient work on the original bridge.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

2022 [2022-49](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD: Itemized Listing of all Machinery and Equipment

On motion of Committee Chair Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Chair Shimsky, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Smith