

Parks & Recreation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: (Remote) Westchester County Parks Department: First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia; Westchester County Department of Public Works: Robert Lopane, Program Coordinator Capital Planning BOL: Legislator Imamura, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams Johnson Committee Coordinators: Beth LoBello, Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg

Present: Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Nolan, Committee Vice-Chair Parker and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Maher

MINUTES APPROVAL

June 13, 2023 at 3 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

I. [ACT-2023-115](#) IMA (Amend)-Hillside Woods Forestry Project-Hastings-on-Hudson

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in connection with an Urban Forestry Management Project, by extending the project completion date from May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION

Guests: Westchester County Parks Department: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia; Department of Public Works: Robert Lopane, Program Coordinator Capital Planning

Mr. Tartaglia explained to the committee that in 1993 the County and the Village entered into an agreement to simultaneously purchase an undivided interest in Hillside Woods, an approximately 52-acre woodland in the Village, for purpose of establishing the Park. The terms of the 1993 agreement, the Village agreed to assume full responsibility for the administration and management of the Park. Due to overpopulation of deer, invasive plants, and poor light conditions on the forest floor, the Park is now in a severely deteriorated condition. They have a restoration project with three parts: tree invasive removal, tree and shrub replanting, and installation of deer protection fencing. They need to extend it another year because the village did not get many bids for fencing, so they have repackaged that separate from the rest of the project, and need more time. The fencing will protect future planting from the deer.

Mr. Lopane shared photographs showing the condition of the forest.

On motion of Committee Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Nolan, Committee Vice-Chair Parker and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Maher

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was adjourned at 11:48 AM. The motion carried unanimously.