

## **Monroe Joint Park Recreation Commission, January 20, 2020**

**A Special Meeting was held at Smith's Clove Park, 133 Spring St, Monroe, New York on the 20th day of January 2020.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>John Battaglia</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>Anthony Vaccaro</b>	<b>Adm. Chairman</b>
	<b>Andrew Calvano</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Jonathan Novack</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Tony Schaffer</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Marybeth Burton</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Chris Sullivan</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Joe Mancuso</b>	<b>Recreation Director</b>

**ABSENT:** Park Secretary Priscilla C. Chang- Staley, Park Attorney Stephen Gaba, Commissioner Kayel Conklin.

Chairman John Battaglia called the meeting at 10 A.M, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one from the public was present

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Director Mancuso was looking for a little direction regarding the playground. In December, the bids were opened which came back considerably higher than anticipated. It would be helpful planning winter work if I knew how we were proceeding. We have a short window and questionable weather to work around and waiting for a decision at the end of the month would only shorten that time frame. Mancuso suggested modifying the plan and try to do some of the work now. He is suggesting removing the pea gravel surface and applying a playground mulch. He also suggested a cement walk or possibly a border to achieve the circular effect. He has researched cost, and anticipated a 10-20 thousand dollar cost. The Board could issue RFP from contractors which would speed up the process, for any work the maintenance crew could not perform. Commissioner Burton questioned if the Town and or Village would be able to help out and if they had the equipment. Mancuso commented that in the past the Town and Village have always helped when asked. Mancuso suggested not to grade and work with the existing contours; discussion followed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chairman Battaglia asked for a motion to go into executive session**

***On a motion made by Administrative Chairperson Vaccaro and seconded by Commissioner Calvano***

*to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 10:20 am.*

*Ayes: 7*            Battaglia, Calvano, Vaccaro, Novack, Schaffer, Sullivan, Burton  
*Nays: 0*

*On a motion made by Commissioner Novack and seconded by Adm. Chairperson Vaccaro*

*to exit from Executive Session and return to open session at 11:05 am*

*Ayes: 7*            Battaglia, Calvano, Vaccaro, Novack, Schaffer, Sullivan, Burton  
*Nays: 0*

*On a motion made by Administrative Chairperson Vaccaro and seconded by Commissioner Calvano*

**"MOTION to place Park employee John Wentland on paid administrative leave effective immediately, for an undetermined number of days pending receipt of the report to be rendered by Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC on the independent disciplinary investigation it is conducting. During such administrative leave the said employee shall not be allowed upon Park property."**

*Ayes: 7*            Battaglia, Calvano, Vaccaro, Novack, Schaffer, Sullivan, Burton  
*Nays: 0*

*On a motion made by Administrative Chairperson Vaccaro and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan*

**"MOTION to hire Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC 14 Knollwood Drive, Glenville, New York 12302 to conduct the investigation and also to authorize Chairman Battaglia to execute any and all documents and agreements necessary for Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC to undertake the said investigation and to render the said report**

*Ayes: 7*            Battaglia, Calvano, Vaccaro, Novack, Schaffer, Sullivan, Burton  
*Nays: 0*

With no further business, on a motion from Adm. Chairperson Vaccaro seconded by Commissioner Sullivan the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am. Carried unanimously.

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Joseph Mancuso