

MINUTES of a meeting of the **SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION** held Wednesday, December 27, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Somerset County Park Commission Headquarters, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ.

"In accordance with Public Law Chapter 231, the open public meeting notice requirements have been satisfied whereby the starting time and place of this meeting have been filed with a county newspaper and the County Clerk and posted in a public information area in this office."

President Fuerst called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Dale Florio
Steven Fuerst
Walter Hansen
Joanne Jaeger
Christopher Paladino (Yes)
Dot Paluck (Telephone)
Patrick Scaglione, Freeholder Liaison

ABSENT

William Crosby
Paul Consiglio
Gary Walsh

Other staff members present were:

Pierce Frauenheim, Deputy Director Maint.
Joanne Steinruck, Executive Assistant
Stuart Lederman, Counsel

Dan Livak, Deputy Dir. Business Admin.
Darrell Marcinek, Director Golf Maint
Cindie Sullivan, Deputy Director

Also in attendance: Yvonne Childress, Noreen Gul, and Betsy Flanagan

OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment from the public.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Fuerst called for the approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting held December 13, 2012. **MOVED BY:** Commissioner Hansen; seconded by: Commissioner Jaeger. **YEAS:** Commissioners Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paladino, Paluck, and President Fuerst. **NAYES:** None. **ABSENT:** Commissioners Consiglio, Crosby, and Walsh.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were **MOVED BY:** Commissioner Hansen; seconded by Commissioner Jaeger. **YEAS:** Commissioners Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paladino, Paluck, and President Fuerst. **NAYES:** None. **ABSENT:** Commissioners Consiglio, Crosby, and Walsh.

Resolution R12-091 – Year-End Transfer of Appropriations

Resolution authorizing transfer of 2012 appropriations.

Resolution R12-092 – Cancellation of Appropriations

Resolution authorizing cancellation of the unexpended balances of 2012 appropriations.

The following resolutions were taken out of the Consent Agenda:

Resolution R12-093 – Payment of Claims

Resolution authorizing payment of bills for \$591,981.73 comprising of check numbers 227074-227139, and 227241. MOVED BY: Commissioner Hansen; seconded by: Commissioner Jaeger. YEAS: Commissioners Hansen, Jaeger, Paladino, Paluck, and President Fuerst. NAYES: None. ABSTAIN: Commissioner Florio. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Crosby, and Walsh.

Resolution R12-094 – Award of Contract for Legal Services

Resolution awarded a contract as amended to show Purcell, Mulcahy, O'Neill & Hawkins, LLC offered to reduce its monthly retainer to \$2,000.00. The contract goes to Purcell, Mulcahy, O'Neill & Hawkins, LLC and DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, and Lehrer, PC for legal services. President Fuerst reported that he and Commissioners Florio and Hansen had an opportunity to interview representatives from the law firm of Purcell, Mulcahy, O'Neill & Hawkins, LLC at which time they agreed to mirror the lowest submission to the RFP. The resolution will be amended to show those changes. Steve thanked Stuart for his representation and especially when he was hired at a time when the Commission was undergoing intense scrutiny. Stuart was a great help when assisting with the revisions on policies and standards. He was able to steer the Commission through very rough times. The entire Commission acknowledged and thanked Stuart for his representation. MOVED BY: Commissioner Florio; seconded by: Commissioner Hansen. YEAS: Commissioners Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paladino, Paluck, and President Fuerst. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Crosby, and Walsh.

President Fuerst asked that Commissioner Hansen meet with Commissioner Consiglio on the Nominating Committee and be prepared to vote for a President and Vice President at the January 17 Park Commission meeting.

President Fuerst acknowledged Joanne Jaeger and Gary Walsh for their services as a Commissioner. Joanne did a great job working with Leisure Services. Gary did a great job working with the finance and auditing issues. All Commissioners thanked Joanne and Gary for their services.

President Fuerst introduced Betsy Flanagan of Purcell, Mulcahy, O'Neill & Hawkins, LLC and welcomed her. Stuart reported that he will be working with Betsy in the transition.

Ms. Flanagan said she was honored and humbled to be part of a strong Somerset County law firm and representing the Somerset County Park Commission. She reported that

Stuart has done a great job and appreciates the efforts by Stuart to assist her with the transition.

President Fuerst also acknowledged Freeholder Liaison Patrick Scaglione and thanked him for keeping the communications going and all his work as the liaison. Patrick reported that he requested to be a representative for the Park Commission and had fun being here. The Park Commission has great people to work with and he will still be around if needed.

Pierce Frauenheim reported that the Park Commission is losing great people. He acknowledged Patrick for all his following up with the Maintenance Department and Stuart for all his help. He also acknowledged Commissioner Jaeger and thanked her for all her support and wished her luck. On behalf of all the staff Pierce thanked everyone.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 a.m. was made by Commissioner Hansen; seconded by Commissioner Jaeger. YEAS: Commissioners Florio, Hansen, Jaeger, Paladino, Paluck, and President Fuerst. NAYES: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Consiglio, Crosby, and Walsh.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Livak
Deputy Director Business Administration

Joanne Steinruck
Executive Assistant