



Bruce E. Young
Chairman

Dave Wick
Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING No. 479

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

FORT WILLIAM HENRY CONFERENCE CENTER, LAKE GEORGE, NY

- PRESIDING:** Kenneth W. Parker, Vice-Chairman
- COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** John McDonald
Dave Floyd
Marc Migliore
Joe Stanek
Catherine LaBombard
Dean Cook
William Mason
James Kneeshaw
- COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bruce E. Young
- COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:** Dave Wick, Executive Director
Molly Gallagher, Environmental Analyst II
Joseph Johns, Director of Law Enforcement
Roger Smith, Conservation Operations Supervisor III
Michelle Way, Office Assistant II
Justin Luyk, Park Ranger
- COMMISSION COUNSEL PRESENT:** Karla Buettner
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Rosemary Pusateri
Walt Lender
Gwen Craig
Tony Hall

Item #1 — Introductions, Roll Call, Minutes of Previous Meeting: Kenneth W. Parker, Vice-Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and the roll call was taken.

Joe Stanek made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes which was seconded by Dean Cook; all members present voted unanimously.

Item #2 — Moment of Silence in Honor of Tony Reale — LGPC Commissioner from 1997-2005: Kenneth W. Parker, Vice-Chairman

Long-time Lake George Park Commission Member and prior Vice-Chairman Tony Reale passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Mr. Reale served on the Lake George Park Commission from 1997 through 2005.

Mr. Reale lived in Ticonderoga his entire life and was a well-known and much loved resident.

Item #3 — Fiscal Actions Report for October 2018: Kenneth W. Parker, Vice-Chairman

John McDonald made a motion to approve the October Fiscal Actions Report which was seconded by Joe Stanek; all members present voted unanimously.

Item #4 — Project Review, Acceptance of the Project Review Actions Report: Molly Gallagher

Resolution 2018-41 — Project Review Actions Report

Joe Stanek read and moved to approve the Project Review Actions Report which was seconded by Dave Floyd; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the Commission has received and reviewed the Project Review Actions Report prepared by staff and dated November 6, 2018.

WHEREAS the Project Review Committee recommends acceptance of the Project Review Actions Report.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission directs that the Project Review Actions Report be incorporated in the minutes of the full Commission meeting.

Item #5 — Presentation: Highlights, Five Years of Lake George’s Mandatory Boat Inspection Program: Justin Luyk, LGPC Park Ranger

Justin Luyk, LGPC’s Park Ranger, gave a brief presentation on some of the highlights of the mandatory boat inspection program. For complete details, please see the meeting video at www.lgpc.state.ny.us.

Mr. Luyk said that the mandatory boat inspection program has been in existence since 2014. 2018 has been the busiest year yet with 32,019 inspections and 1,601 decontaminations. Peak decontaminations were done in 2016. Eurasian Watermilfoil was the most common AIS found with Zebra Mussels coming in second and Curly Leaf Pondweed and Water Chestnut following behind. AIS Decontaminations are done by using high pressure, hot water – no chemicals are used. Ropes and anchor lines are also checked and soaked in 140 degree water.

Mr. Luyk said that the Commission is planning to close the Transfer Road site in 2019 – especially with the opening of the new Exit 18 site and the continued use of the Million Dollar Beach site.

A discussion followed regarding the number of warnings and tickets issued to boaters for not following the mandatory boat inspection protocols. A huge thank you goes out to Lieutenant Johns and Marine Patrol staff for assistance with this program.

Going forward, the Commission would like to see wage increases to stay competitive as well as a review of training procedures to check for consistency between site locations and lastly would like to continue to foster partnerships with the other groups we currently work with.

Item #6 — Law Enforcement Committee Report: Kenneth Parker, Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Parker said that a Law Enforcement meeting was held at 9 a.m. where they met and discussed on going enforcement cases. Vice-Chairman Parker said that there is not a lot to discuss. He said that there is still a boat in the water and the patrol is willing and able to assist if the need arises.

Resolution 2018-43 — Law Enforcement Committee Report

Kenneth Parker read and moved to approve Resolution 2018-43 which was seconded by Joe Stanek; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee met November 20, 2018 to review matters pertaining to the Lake George Park Commission's Marine Patrol and the Commission's Law Enforcement Program, and

WHEREAS active Law Enforcement cases and their status were reviewed in Executive Session, and

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee has reported on the results of that committee meeting at this full Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee recommends acceptance of this month's Law Enforcement Report.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission accepts the report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

Item #7 — Public Comments

There were no public comments but Vice-Chairman, Kenneth Parker, noted the passing of John Salvador, Jr. He said that Mr. Salvador was a long-time friend of his and was a frequent visitor to the Lake George Park Commission office and meetings.

Item #8 — Adjournment

Dean Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. which was seconded by Joe Stanek; all members present voting affirmatively. The meeting was adjourned.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the Fort William Henry Conference Center, Lake George, NY.**