

**Minutes**

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Thursday, October 29, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

*Meeting held by Virtual Zoom technology*

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**Members Present:** Judy Hunt, John Hemmer, Bob Franzen, Tom Erlandson, Steve Sandberg, Martha Anderson

**Members Absent:** Marla Connelly

**Others Present:** Brad Bentley, Jacob Bodway, Kathy Tampio, Keith Carrow, Whitney Schrader, Bradley Schrader, Bill Moran, Diane Clark

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The meeting was called to order by Bob Franzen at 4:09 p.m.

**Minutes Review and Acceptance**

*Motion by Hunt, Seconded by Sandberg, the minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.*

**Acknowledgement of Guests and Topics Discussions**

Bob Franzen: We've got some guests with us today here.

John Hemmer: You're gonna have the guests speak first? Good.

Whitney Schrader: Alright. May I just jump in? I want to honor your process so.

Judy Hunt: Very informal.

Whitney Schrader: Okay, got it, got it. Well, by way of an introduction. Thank you. My name is Whitney Schrader. I wanted to just read a little something as part of a proposal and then let your board consider that and I look forward to following up after your consideration. So by way of introduction, my name is Whit. I spent the majority of my life in Chautauqua County and I'm proud to have served as an EMT for the Chautauqua police. While I live in Los Angeles, I move around my whole life and consider Chautauqua my home. This is a proposal for the Chautauqua public facilities to consider placing a bench in Luensman Park in honor of my mother, Nancy Schrader. I'll just read a little bit about her background for your consideration. So Nancy Schrader is a fourth generation Chautauquan and environmentalist closely connected to the Overview Park. This year, as she turned 70 she will have spent a majority of her life in Chautauqua County. A bench at her favorite park, arrived at by a bike pushed by strong legs and

a grateful heart honors her life's veneration of and advocacy for the natural world of Chautauqua County. As an avid gardener Nancy earned her master gardeners certification under the Department of Agriculture. She has run environmental initiatives for the Garden Clubs of America and has lobbied for legislation in Washington DC multiple times. Here in Chautauqua County Nancy has worked for years with the Birch Run Garden Club and after a decade of participation served on its board for five years. Nancy has supported all Chautauqua Lake protective associations and sponsored programs to protect the lakes aquatic ecosystems and the local bat population. As a national cycling enthusiast, Nancy actually promotes the attractions of biking Chautauqua County and has introduced countless new riders to Luensman Park during the weekly rides every spring, summer and fall. This park is one of Nancy's first destinations as she took the challenge of cycling 14 years ago and remains a favorite spot in actively remains a favorite spot to actively practice gratitude for health, her own and the earth's. Weather permitting her bike rides to Luensman Park are treasured and a favorite weekly tradition from which she reaches out to her family and friends to share it to us in restorative peace. Our proposal, the Schrader family would like to make a donation to the Chautauqua County Public facilities board for \$500 for a park bench dedicated to Nancy Schrader for her decades long work and furthering environmental awareness of our local environment here in Chautauqua County. Nancy's enthusiasm for the outdoors and our appreciation for Luensman Park is filled by anyone who knows or a park bench overlooking its rolling views of the lake would capture her spirit perfectly. The details we appreciate having an opportunity to find a statement on a park bench plaque reading Nancy around trader environmentalist cyclist. She talking and then a quote. This is what she does when she calls her friends and family. She says, I'm at the spa. And in closing, if this has to be approved, we would appreciate having the opportunity to purchase two park bench packs, one for the bench and one for Nancy to keep in her living room. I give back time to the board.

Tom Erlandson: We need to make any type of thing to DPF to Brad or anything to come up with anything on making this type of a deal?

Martha Anderson: Wait, do you have a particular type of brand that you were thinking of?

Whitney Schrader: Oh yes, there are several benches that I've seen inside Chautauqua Institution. Those are our format that work for the park. That's great. Thanks, something that, you know, Chicago winds are nothing to blink at so something that could stand the test of time would also be appreciated.

Martha Anderson: And what type of bench are you looking at, like a metal brand or a wooden bench or I mean looking at upkeep through the years and stuff.

Whitney Schrader: I believe it's to the board to decide but a metal bench would be appreciated, something of stainless steel with a (*inaudible*).

Whitney Schrader: Brad, you had something?

Bradley Schrader: No, I was just going to say something that board's judgment is the most practical for that setting and for the weather it's going to be exposed to.

Whitney Schrader: I'll accede to the board. You guys know the park better than anyone, something that's up to the weather. So I don't want that to be part of your decisions if that's going to take the bench off the board.

Brad Bentley: This is Brad Bentley, the Director of Public Facilities. Do you have a, is this something you're looking at as a permanent installation or something that would just be set out temporarily during the summer during the season?

Whitney Schrader: The vision here is this would be a permanent installation for anyone to enjoy.

Bradley Schrader: And we thought it would be simpler in terms of maintenance. If it goes in and just stays there.

Brad Bentley: I think I fully support the concept. My only concern is as the board members know here is we have a very limited budget and \$500 doesn't always seem to go as far as you think it should. So I guess the concern I would give to the board is what would happen if the desired installation went above \$500. Where would that money come from?

Judy Hunt: It would be placed on some sort of a foundation or some sort of ...

Brad Bentley: For a permanent installation, yeah. For safety, make sure no one will get hurt. Absolutely.

Tom Erlandson: A couple of points. Number one, we have several benches at our other Overland Park. They're placed there by the Chautauqua County labor groups. They're not placed technically by the Parks Commission because they're part of a memorial to individuals who have lost their lives while working in Chautauqua County, but those benches are wooden, they are bolted down. They have been there for many years. I'm going to say at least 10 years. I have no idea how much they cost. We can certainly find out from the labor group. But, they have lasted very, very well. I know recently. But see, Timothy Lutheran Church up along the lake on the Bemis side, there was a bench placed in honor of my late brother-in-law. And it was purchased in Falconer. It was \$400. It's movable. I don't know what their plans are for the winter, but the ones that at the Erlandson Park, the other park ones have lasted very well for a number of years and we might want to check into where they were purchased and how much they were.

Martha Anderson: And also at Chautauqua Institute in the dog walking park or the dog park that they have, they're the resin type, that plastic type plywood or don't know what it's called that polymer stuff instead of wood, that there's benches with memorials on there in the institute that I have seen that would be pretty maintenance free also. I don't know the cost of those, but that could be another option, rather than wood which would take some I think more upkeep and maintenance through the years.

Whitney Schrader: It's a good idea.

Bradley Schrader: That would be fine and Brad back to your concern, we estimated the cost with our proposed donation. If you find that there's a significant difference between the costs and what we're proposing. Maybe get back to me and I'll see if there's a way that together we can close the gap. I think we're all kind of wondering what it will cost, but it sounds like based on Tom's remarks that we're not way out of the ballpark.

Brad Bentley: Yeah, I think the bench itself, you know, there's all different types and sizes. So a lot of it is, you know, do you have a back, is it just flat? How's it bolted on. To put a foundation it you gotta bolt it to something. Yeah. Well, you have to dig something up. The parks department can provide the labor and possibly the machine to do it. But then there's the material costs of concrete or whatnot in the hardware. And I don't know if you've looked at the cost of the plaque. So is that \$500 just for the bench and does not include plaque or you're going to buy.

Whitney Schrader: Yes, buy separately. So this is what I'm very sensitive to the regulations that might be in the park. So that's why I first wanted to see if there was a standard bench that we could only work within. Sounds like there's multiple types of benches, it's fine. I was fully planning on purchasing the plaques. I just wanted to make sure that there was a clean handoff so that it would be in line with what your other standards are sounds like that's pretty loose so I can organize that once we agree on the bench and we can also as Brad said help with the fixed costs of the concrete and what have you for the installation. So that's our problem.

Bradley Schrader: We're pretty flexible. As you can tell, on the bench design with an eye towards robustness. I think it would be nice if it had a back. From my knowledge and one's been, I've been there a lot with Nancy, there's a nice picnic table selection, but I don't think there's anything with the back so that might be nice for visitors if there were one with a back.

John Hemmer: Brad, do we have, is there a catalog or something or what, what would I guess there's there's two brands here and do you ...

Brad Bentley: I think you're talking to me John.

John Hemmer: Yeah yeah I, I'm just wondering, you know, that it sounds like we haven't put in a bench. This, the, the, the branches, Mr. Erlandson are talking about he said they're putting in by the the Department of Labor, Memorial group there. So, do we have benches anywhere that we've put in, you know, at the county buildings or anything?

Brad Bentley: I have probably a contract where I would buy that type of stuff. But since I've been here I don't believe we've put in any benches, so I'm not a recent memory of any standard that we would do. I think it be up to the Commission to, you know, find it within the esthetically pleasing and in concert with the park to find the, the one but I get catalogs. I think it's from Jamestown. There's a local company that does the (*inaudible – cross talk*) ...

Steve Sandberg: Jamestown Advanced Products.

Brad Bentley: It's probably it. I have a catalog. That's a lot of pages.

Steve Sandberg: Yeah, they had a lot of styles available.

Brad Bentley: So it's just a matter of finding one within the price point and the design. Google it right now. You might be able to just go to the website. See if there's something that really attracts the eye.

John Hemmer: Whitney or Bradley Schrader, do you guys do you have something in mind, or are you, you want to just browse the catalog that that Brad is talking about and see what is available.

Whitney Schrader: We'd like to browse the catalog and then I can send Sam two recommendations that are within our budget. We'll assume that will go over, will pay more if we find something that's above our budget. So that's fine. And then I'll handle the plaque piece of it as well with Jamestown. I believe that they probably have some sort of back piece to their product line. What I want to do is just make sure before I go ahead and purchase it, that it is okay to be installed. As I live in an apartment, I don't have enough room for extra (*inaudible*).

Brad Bentley: I'm looking at the catalog right now if you go to page... most are on page 21 of the catalog. It's got Jamestown advanced benches, there appears to be three or four pages of them.

Whitney Schrader: Could you send me the, sorry, could you send the link in the group chat, please?

Bradley Schrader: When I've got it I'll send it over.

Brad Bentley: I just put the link in the chat if you see it there.

Whitney Schrader: Got it. All right.

Brad Bentley: Technology. Wonderful.

Whitney Schrader: Technology, it's beautiful thing. Okay. Um, so these would be our options is on Page 25 of thirty eight?

Brad Bentley: It looks to me like for three or four pages of benches. I think that's who we have our contract through so..

Whitney Schrader: Got it. Okay, then I think I'm going to select the...

Brad Bentley: I will give you another option. If none of these fit the style that you're looking for. You don't have to have me purchase it. You could purchase it. If you get the Commission to agree on the style and you buy it and just donate it and we will install it. So you don't necessarily have to stick to just this catalog. But if you're to donate the money and us to buy it, then we would have to do it through that way. But if you want to buy the bench directly, or your proposal of which bench you want to buy and have the Parks Commission give their approval on it. That would be another way to do that.

Whitney Schrader: I've chosen the one that we're going to buy if it's much less. It is item 11641 dash one five.

Brad Bentley: Matter of fact, it might be easier for you to do it for me to get a check, go buy it. You might be easier to just, I don't know about that.

Bradley Schrader: That is, unless you have a pricing purchasing discount Brad, the town may well have a better discount than we will with walk in retail.

Brad Bentley: If you want to email me which one you want. What I can do is I'll send you over to get a quote.

Bradley Schrader: Great. Yeah.

Brad Bentley: You might get a better price than I might get it. You gotta be careful with some of this building stuff, I guess.

Martha Anderson: Okay, I, I like the look of that bench. That would look nice up there in the park in it. I mean, it looks natural. The, the, wood you know it's the plastic would but it looks, it looks nice.

Brad Bentley: Which one are you ...

Martha Anderson: The number that he saw, I don't remember the number. He is number six. Yeah, yeah, that's the one.

Brad Bentley: I got talked over, 1164141. The contour bench?

Whitney Schrader: Yes, sir. All right.

Tom Erlandson: What was the number again please?

Brad Bentley: 11641 dash 15, it's a contour bench.

John Hemmer: Thank you for the picture Steve.

Whitney Schrader: So as a next step. I've heard the group saying that I should independently call for pricing and the group will also call and we'll find the lowest number and then I will pay for the bench.

Brad Bentley: Sounds good to me. I'll, uh, I'll get Sam Zafuto, I think you've been talking with and I'll get him to get that price.

Martha Anderson: Please, can I just say something on that, number one five, when I look at the details on it. It's a treated pine bench. It's not the plastic wood bench. So that is going to take some maintenance, because we'll have to do it years upkeep the pine on it. I know the

plastic lumber is a lot more. But there's no upkeep on it once you have it so just that's just my thoughts. And if it's be out there, year round that would have been a wear, even if it is treated lumber.

John Hemmer: You can check in there, there may be an option for the, you know, the plastic wood.

Martha Anderson: There is an app for it, but it is more, the cost is more for the plastic wood. I like the style.

Bradley Schrader: I think we agree the recycled plastic compound would be the better choice for this environment. Well, why don't we do some shopping and then we'll team up with Brad Bentley and get this thing bought.

Whitney Schrader: Yeah, we'll get the grease. Then, then we'll, we'll go find a picture the bench and make sure that it's done locally so that it's not a big effort too.

Brad Bentley: Well actually when you go over the thing it actually comes up with some wording. It says, looks like some of them can be selected from recycle plastic lumber or treated pine lumber. So it could be just an option. So maybe when we call we'll just figure out that just make sure we specify is not treated pine otherwise. I agree with Martha, you know, we want to make this maintenance free.

Bradley Schrader: Okay, great. Well, when would the board foresee installing all this, provided we can get it bought in the next three or four weeks?

Brad Bentley: Well, it's supposed to snow this week. So it's not really conducive to digging foundations so ...

Martha Anderson: Both November first, right?

Brad Bentley: Right. But of course we, you know, Parks Commission or parks department can get on and do work. So, um, you know, I would say, realistically, by the time all this goes to get through and I don't know what the lead time on some of these benches are anyways. Yeah, I think we'd be looking at next spring. You know, we'd have to let the weather settle out so you know someone wants to tell me when winter ends I'll tell you when I'll start. But yeah, I'll probably be looking at April March or March, April, May.

Bradley Schrader: Spring there starts on the fourth of July.

Tom Erlandson: The two overview parks typically close November 1 and reopen May first.

Whitney Schrader: Okay, that works for us. Well, I will follow up with Sam. Thank you again for giving us 34 minutes of your meeting and for your consideration. I'll follow up with Sam, just write out what my next steps are so there's no confusion. And again, thank you so much for your consideration.

Brad Bentley: Yeah, and thank you. And just when you find out which one you want to do when you call them and figure out the material, just let us know and I'll get the quote for the same exact product. So I'll wait for you to specify to me which one you're looking for and the ...

Bradley Schrader: All right, and just to be clear up who would be our main point of contact going forward. Now, would it be Sam or Brad.

Brad Bentley: We can just talk to Sam, he's my fiscal supervisor. He's the one that can order purchase invoice. So he's really good at keeping up with that. So that's a primary contact for it.

Tom Erlandson: Let me just say on behalf of the Commission that this is a first for us, other than the Labor Memorial group that I mentioned, and I think I speak for the entire commission, thank you very much, it's a fine thing.

John Hemmer: Sounds like it'll be a great enhancement for the Luesnman Park.

Martha Anderson: And a great honor for your mom.

Judy Hunt: Yeah, it's a win win. I don't know if we need a motion to accept this offer of a bench in memory or not in memory. Sorry, I didn't mean to say that. Often they are, the Schrader family for the bench at Luensman. Do we need a motion, do you think?

Brad Bentley: I would say let's wait for the final product and we'll invite them back and once we know exactly what we're doing, we can make that motion specific to the product and what's going to get installed.

Judy Hunt: Sounds good. Alright.

Whitney Schrader: Thanks, everyone.

Bradley Schrader: Thanks, everyone.

John Hemmer: Thank you.

Bradley Schrader: We love your parks. Thank you.

John Hemmer: Thank you for using them.

Martha Anderson: And keep on coming.

Judy Hunt: And sign in when you're there.

Bradley Schrader: Absolutely, I'm in the slot.



Judy Hunt: Now we have the Moran's, Diane and Clark. Do you wish to address the group, I think?

Bill Moran: Thank you. Thanks for letting me in at last minute like this. I won't keep you long, but I just had a couple of observations and one question. First of all, I'm Bill Moran. I'm a North County resident here in the town of Portland. I live about two miles, probably to the east of Luensman and I'm grateful park enthusiast so I like to think of all you folks behind the scenes. In a way, you're essential workers too because you're taking care of a void that, that many of us need to fill and that's to enjoy nature and get out. So, so I thank you. My question, and was concerning the workers memorial in the South County. I have two names of employees that I worked with at Welch's in Westfield that have passed and I'm not sure that their names are on that list. Would someone be able to supply me with the contact person that's doing that so that I could further pursue this?

Martha Anderson: The man is Bob Dando that comes to our meeting but, I don't know his phone number.

Bill Moran: Would you spell that last name you've got, I could find them in a book?

Martha Anderson: I think it's d a n d o.

Bill Moran: Feel free to if anybody does know you can email us here at Clark Moran Gmail. The other thing I wanted to make mention of was we've been attending Portland town board meetings and interested in how they're wind law was going to be amended and I don't, I don't know if any of you are familiar with what's what they've done. I can give you in short how it's changed. They're not allowing any wind turbines below 850 feet. So they're coming up this way. They've mentioned Ellicott road above Ellicott road. They also have mentioned Thayer in their conversation. So I just wanted you folks to be aware that they've allowed 400 footers. In the setbacks they didn't pay attention to the county's recommendation of a mile and quarter. They went with 2000 feet. So just to be aware, the future, you may have Neighbors at Luesnman and perhaps elsewhere in the county. So thank you. I just want to pass on that information.

Tom Erlandson: I appreciate that information. And I was not aware of what you just said. I'm one of my jobs, not jobs, it's a volunteer thing, but I'm president of the County Board of Health and you may know that for the last year and a half our county Board of Health has been trying, and I will say trying, because it's difficult to address this issue of wind towers in the county because of the impact and they do have impacts, because of the impact on individual health, human health. We have gotten almost nowhere. That said, I don't know what I don't know what the connection is between the Board of Health in our county parks commission, maybe there isn't any. But let me just say, is my function with the Board of Health, and I appreciate the information I was not aware of it. You mentioned 800 foot tall wind towers. I have seen so far have been 600 feet.

Bill Moran: No, Tom, they're there. They're allowing for 400. Developer is proposing to put in, I think 14 of these 326 footers, but the setbacks are 2000 feet.

Tom Erlandson: Yeah, it is crucial. But I don't want to, you know, take more time from our Parks Commission meeting with this and it is, and a few other county our Board of Health. Thank you.

Bill Moran: And that is available on the town's website if you do on look it up. The amended wind law. Thank you. And everybody continue doing good work.

John Hemmer: Thank you, Mr. Moran.

Bob Franzen: Our agenda today. And we get a report from Brad today then on the subjects along this direction.

Brad Bentley: I think before we have minutes review and acceptance.

Judy Hunt: Did you get the minutes I sent to you, Bob?

Bob Franzen: Yes, I'm sure I did get them. I guess they're set the way they are here that I can see is there a motion on them that ...

Judy Hunt: So moved.

Steve Sandberg: I'll second it.

Judy Hunt: I couldn't open your operations report. I don't know whether it's my computer what, but do you want to run through it Brad?

### **Operations**

Brad Bentley: Certainly, and I do apologize for my lateness just as I mentioned, running a little short staffed this week. Staffing, no changes to the staffing. Completed tasks - we've, actually, the timber harvest on reforestation property has been completed. Forecon went out and looked at the site. I took a walk out there myself. Things look pretty good. They did a pretty good job. The roadways looking pretty, pretty good. I know the reason rains have done, but looks like they've done the work they're supposed to do. So we've released a performance bonds with that. Part of the recommendations Forecon (*inaudible*). So we got the money in and the work's done and restoration is complete out there. So everything should be opened up. Ongoing tasks - continued maintenance on the trails and we're preparing the parks for closing on November 1. So, shortened season, and it's a limited service so they're closed for the winter, we'll see what happens as we go forward. Trail issues - I do believe we still have the beaver dams we're working with only to do. I think we talked last month about having a trapper that's willing to do it. We're still in discussions there. If not (*inaudible*) have the ability to remove the beavers. So that's still underway. Bart has been out doing some much needed bridge and trail repairs. He's doing everything he can with what he's got. I know there's more to do. I did with the, I won't steal John's thunder too much but sorry John, with the passing of the resolution. I've sent an email to Mr. Bob Van Every to have him mail \$500 donation check to me. So I did that this morning. So I'll await his response. And the budget - we expensed 80% of the budget. And we expect to be on budget by the end of the year. Again, the capital projects are basically on

hold. We'll see when those do get released. For 2021, our budget was approved last night. For \$154,369. But in revenue \$134,000 will be occupancy tax and \$19,794 that will be coming from local share. Any questions?

Martha Anderson: I do have a question on the beavers. Are we removing them or looking at other options to possibly go around that area with the trail?

Brad Bentley: At this point I'm looking at removing them. I think I don't know, Keith, if you have anything more?

Keith Carrow: I haven't got any more information right now, but I have some people that were ... areas as the ice gets so thick during the season that they can't get to the beaver. We'll see how effective the trappers in season are.

Martha Anderson: Okay, thank you.

Bob Franzen: Keith, is there a chance, plan of anything of a small excavator cutting that corner out of the dam and letting it drain?

Keith Carrow: I'd love to, but my operations staff hasn't been on other tasks and we've had a full changeover of operation staff. So at this point, I don't have the opportunity ...  
(*crosstalk*)

Bob Franzen: Town of Chautauqua, would they .. they did all that for us the first time when we put the sluice in the put it in, they came down to get everything for us. Then when the sluice went I see that I was up there. The other day there. I see the dam built up around there. You can walk pretty close out to the other side of the water. It isn't quite as high as I thought it would have been but, anyway, if that top of that was just reached with like a back hoe, knocked it down like a couple feet, two and a half foot to let it drain off. Enough to do it for right now until the season comes up for beaver.

Keith Carrow: Let me check into some options that we can do. It just can't manually be done anymore. A potato hook just doesn't do it.

Martha Anderson: It's really built up over there.

Brad Bentley: I did have one other if there's no other questions. The Wegmans trail markers are should be up being told by Mike they're actually out there. Giving the needed repairs on the trails I haven't got out there publicly to kinda formally announce it out their press release. I would like to get a couple more improvements done as well on areas where we got the trails closed. So I may look to do that more towards the beginning of next year to really make a formal announcement about that, but the little plaques that you're supposed to do the rubbings are out there. So we're getting some things done little by little. Other questions? I'll turn it over to big John.

**Legislation**

John Hemmer: Well, you did steal my ...

Brad Bentley: Well, apparently you need to come before me on the agenda. So you're going to have to talk to Judy about that.

John Hemmer: That's all right. Good news, both the budget and the donation are good news for the parks. Going forward, hopefully we'll come back in the spring and not have all the restrictions that we're having at this time of the year. Or get more use too.

Martha Anderson: Fingers crossed.

Judy Hunt: Here's hoping.

John Hemmer: So I guess that the meeting was kind of exciting at the end when we had the second privilege of the floor. A lot of people from South Ripley in the area of the big solar project were there to speak to the legislature. So there was a lot of public participation last night. Always good to see.

Martha Anderson: Were they for or against it?

John Hemmer: Seemed to be pretty much solidly against it for various reasons. I'm sure the people that are leasing their land to the project are for it, but they were not represented last night. Maybe they'll come next month at the meeting.

Judy Hunt: Do you have to act on that?

John Hemmer: The proposal that last, I think it was 2018 we, the legislature passed a proposal asking the IDA to not provide PILOT agreements for energy projects over a certain size. The mega projects, the big ones. We did not prohibit, we just asked them not to do it. So it's still up to the IDA, whether they actually provide PILOT agreements or not. But, and that's the same type of resolution that we will intend to pass concerning solar projects. In the next month or so. You can't do much to stop the solar and the wind projects. The governor has decided that they will go through and so they probably will go through.

Judy Hunt: I asked, cuz I'm considering a project at my farm. I'm meeting with a man tomorrow about that. So I just wondered what the county's position was, but it's a very small one compared to what they were talking about.

John Hemmer: The, you know, for the you know the projects for home use I think are you know, are not affected, that that's ....

Judy Hunt: This would be a commercial but it would be small. Three to five acres he said so I don't know. I'm gonna learn more tomorrow. But I'd like to support that effort if I can.

John Hemmer: Make sure that you know before you sign agreements that you consult your lawyer.

Judy Hunt: Yeah, I'm gonna call him.

John Hemmer: I think that's about the end of my report. Next?

Judy Hunt: Maybe we're down to old business. Expansion of the board. We talked about that.

John Hemmer: Jacob Bodway, who is on with us this afternoon has provided a resume for his application to join the board and I think and Brad you shared that with all the board members?

Brad Bentley: I sent it to you and Kathy. I don't know why it's sending on.

Judy Hunt: I don't, I don't think he would.

Brad Bentley: I don't think I did John, I think I left it to you two.

Judy Hunt: But his presentation last month was very impressive.

Brad Bentley: I think the verbal outweighed the written. But John. I think that's up to you to share with the board because I think you have some control over that. As far as the recommendation there.

John Hemmer: And I, you know I will share it with everyone. *(background noise)* Pardon me, sorry about that. I will share it with everyone. I can get that in an email out to you all, but I do think that the Jacob's, you know, talk last at the last meeting really gave us his background and I just, I feel as though he's a great addition to the board and so I think that I would like to see the board recommend him and then, of course, the you know the county executive as the you know the last, yeah he does the recommending and ....

Judy Hunt: I don't mean to nix it, his appointment, but did you did you find anybody in other parts of the county, we were trying to get diversity?

Tom Erlandson: John let me, excuse me for interrupting John. I have been in communication via phone and email with a woman from the Brockton area. Her name is Carrie McCausland and she has been in touch with her county legislator, who is Mark Odell. Carrie McCausland has sent in an application. Kathy sent few days ago. Kathy emailed it to all of us. I think it was a two page form for applications, not specifically as I understand it, the county Parks Commission but in general, for county. I sent that on to Carrie McCausland and as I understand it from our phone conversation yesterday, she has completed and sent in. So my point is there is one additional applicant from the north county and as I pointed out a month ago at our meeting, there's the history of our County Parks Commission that we have representation from all parts of the county. One other aspect about Carrie McCausland I might point out is she is a horse woman

and you know Ainsley was recently resigned, was also a horse woman. So that would be a nice connection.

Martha Anderson: Thanks Tom.

John Hemmer: Yes, thank you Tom. That's good to know that there's others interested. Yes, we did talk about as well as replacing Ainsley, talk about making additions to the board as well. So, Mr. Chairman, what do you think, how do you think you want to work with that issue? Do you want to add, do you want to recommend Jacob at this time or do you want to wait until you get the applications from Terry and compare the two or do you want to move toward adding additional members?

Bob Franzen: No, what I was looking at is, we've got the two of them there. Also, Bob Dando had mentioned before about doing this. Kathy Tampio on our meeting thing here, our minutes that I got said that everybody excepting two of us have to be reassigned as of January and thought maybe we might wait until January to get something going that everybody would be on the same page to be on the Commission. You have to go like two years or three years, whatever it is on here. We might be able to work something and have three people on there and change and have more people on the Commission instead of seven, or make it nine, whatever it is.

Brad Bentley: Well John, I guess I have a procedural question. I don't know what those nominations need approval time, the December meeting for January first or at the January meeting that backdates to January 1<sup>st</sup> with the legislature. Because you would want to make a recommendation from the Parks Commission the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting here, to have the names available for the end of December so I suppose those names could be approved the start of January. Kathy, do you know which way that might work?

Judy Hunt: I think we are going to have to change our resolution first, maybe that's what we should do. Take out that political party part and expand the number of board members. That could be all in one resolution to change to go to the legislature I would think.

Kathy Tampio: Yes, that can be the first resolution and you could do both resolutions, then the appointment one at the same meeting. You can do it in December or you could even wait till January because if people aren't reappointed, considering their term lapses at the end of this year, they're still considered to be members of that board unless you make the next appointments. So it can lapse. We have appointed people after their terms expired or before, it doesn't matter. It's all when you want to do it.

Martha Anderson: May I ask who's up for in January and needs to be reappointed?

Kathy Tampio: Of course there's Ainsley Smith's empty position and Tom Erlandson, Martha Anderson, Marla Connelly, John – well John Hemmer he's on the Commission just because he's Public Facilities Chairman, and Steve Sandberg. So everybody except Bob Franzen and Judy Hunt.

Judy Hunt: Well, do you want to plan on changing the resolution now or wait till December? What do you want to do?

Bob Franzen: I would think if we can get these applications in we could wait until the following meeting. Change it afterwards.

John Hemmer: Well as far as changing, dropping the political affiliation, that seems like that's, we could agree on that being a reasonable change to the existing resolution.

Judy Hunt: We might as well change it - both items in the resolution don't you think at one time?

John Hemmer: Okay, ...

Judy Hunt: And maybe send forward the new nominees at the same time. Would that work Kathy?

Kathy Tampio: Sure, you can do it at the same time or you could do it at separate meetings.

Martha Anderson: We get the resolution at this meeting to add the new members so it's a total of nine and take out the political affiliation and we can do members at the next meeting.

Judy Hunt: Okay, that sounds like a plan.

Martha Anderson: If that works for everybody?

Judy Hunt: Tom, you'll talk to Dando? He'll have to fill out that form I guess. Did you get the form Jacob?

Jacob Bodway: I did fill out an application. It was pretty surface. It just asked me what clubs I belonged to and where I graduated from High School and college. There was no narrative.

Judy Hunt: It's just a procedural thing. You just have to do it. Do those go to Sam?

Brad Bentley: I think those go to probably John and Kathy to distribute. Ultimately the legislators vote on the appointments.

Judy Hunt: Right, that's logical.

Brad Bentley: John is the legislative representative for the Parks Commission so this is where I get to (inaudible) on the agenda. He's the master here.

John Hemmer: Alright. Well then what we are looking for is a motion from somebody to make those two changes to drop the political affiliation and to change the board from seven to

nine members, right? Is that what we are thinking of? Okay so that's the motion that we need from somebody and then a second.

Judy Hunt: I'll make that motion.

Martha Anderson: I'll second.

John Hemmer: Okay, and, Bob, you're the....

Kathy Tampio: One more thing I think we should have added when we are amending this resolution is to add that as an ex-officio member, the Chairman of the Public Facilities Committee, will serve. So, we can put that language in there. We can amend (*crosstalk*)

Judy Hunt: When we were formed huh?

Kathy Tampio: It might have been it never stated it.

Judy Hunt: Probably. That's a good addition.

John Hemmer: I believe I am not a voting member, right? I'm here as a, just a liaison to the board.

Judy Hunt: I guess your sense isn't worth very much in a sense as voting. (*laughter*)

John Hemmer: I get to keep my two cents. Okay, so it's, it looks like there's three things. Is there anybody else that wants to add to that or Bob, how's that sound to you.

Bob Franzen: We can go for this, yes.

John Hemmer: Okay.

Tom Erlandson: So there are three parts to this motion as I understand it.

Judy Hunt: Right.

Tom Erlandson: To make the county legislature representative an ex-officio member, recognize that person this way which has never been I don't think, formally in any event. The second one is to move our membership from seven to nine members. And there's a third part. What is that?

Judy Hunt: Political part.

Martha Anderson: Take out the political.

Tom Erlandson: Take out political affiliation from the requirements. That goes back by the way to 1974. It's time.



Martha Anderson: And I will second that motion with the three things in it.

Judy Hunt: The only other thing on the new business is the Schrader bench request but we have already covered that obviously.

Kathy Tampio: Did you want to vote on the motion?

Judy Hunt: Sure.

John Hemmer: Yeah, ask for a vote.

Bob Franzen: Yes.

Judy Hunt: All in favor?

Judy Hunt: You'll be with us soon Jacob.

Bob Franzen: Any opposed to this?

*Motion carried by unanimous vote*

### **Old Business**

Jacob Bodway: Just to update all of you, I am beginning the grant application through the Ralph Wilson, Jr. Foundation next month. Part of my being on the board would be key to be apprised of developments of the grant obviously. I think it would be appropriate for me to have the board's ear on grants, also to share the grant application with you so the entire process is transparent. I'm sure that, I'm hoping that we get the grant over a five year period to total \$150,000 for the overland trails. And then that money obviously will go to reroutes or anything else but, I want input from the board about where those reroutes should go, would it affect any historical sites or anything like that if we need to move the trail substantially off the side from where it currently is. I'm looking forward to being part of the Commission and hopefully we can get some money in the county from outside sources.

Judy Hunt: Good. I guess our next meeting date is December 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Franzen: Got one more little thing here. Martha went down and got a whole bunch of piles of signature pages. Kinda like to know a little bit of how you made out on that.

Martha Anderson: I have not looked at them yet though. I have not taken the time to look at, so, that will be my winter project. Then I'll get back to you all on that but at this point I have not because I have been busy with ferry stuff and getting that back going. I have not had time to look at those papers.

Tom Erlandson: It's f-e-r-r-y as opposed to f-a-i-r-y?

Martha Anderson: Yes, it is. And it will be running next year.

Tom Erlandson: During our last meeting I offered Mary and me to tally up for the two overview parks and you and I can meet up somewhere to pick up that component we'd be glad to work on it.

Martha Anderson: Sure. We can do that. I will be in touch with you.

### **New Business**

Tom Erlandson: Okay, Bob just gave me the go ahead to bring something else up. A couple of weeks ago I had a phone call from a longtime friend and former JCC colleague of mine who lives up around Dewittville, and he and his wife had been to Erlandson Park and they commented that it was very difficult to see the lake, from the lake view side. I wanted to give a little historical perspective on this. Some of you may recall that for a two year period, I'm going to say maybe 4 or 5 years ago, Forecon did not have the forestry contract with the county. That contract was held by Dave Spann. During that two year period, Dave Spann and I went down to Erlandson Park and we took a look at what might be done or needed to be done in order to improve the view of Chautauqua Lake from the picnic table areas on that side of the park. Dave and I then walked the entire long trail with the idea, not timber cruising in the formal sense, but taking a look at the possibility of having a timber sale there, gaining some income from county park. As far as I know, that effort, five or more possibly years ago was the last effort that has ever been done on those two topics. My question is simply this, are we going to proceed with that? And I mention it again in connection with the tree (*inaudible*). If we are, perhaps we should contact Forecon which now has the contract. I don't know whether they charge, I'm assuming they charge because they always did the county for their work. But, perhaps that should be resumed this winter.

Brad Bentley: Tom, so the way the Forecon contract works is again to timber harvest, to get a certain percentage of the revenue. It's really a kinda after the work is done they get paid. Rick and I have developed a good relationship so if that's something the board wants us to proceed with, I can certainly try and schedule something with Rick to maybe go out there with you and identify the areas so you can probably do with Dave and he could probably come up with a tree harvest, good forest management plan and try and coordinate that with an (*inaudible*) of lake view. It might work, I'm not sure what trees are, to use the right term, profitable. In the current market some trees are better than others so there could be a little bit of play there. Depending upon the species and the amount on each of it, when it was last harvested. So, certainly we can go out and take a look at what's out there.

Tom Erlandson: Well if I have the qualification, I would be glad to, I probably (*inaudible*) 4 or 5 years ago. If I can contact him I would be (*inaudible*), if not, perhaps you could Brad. We could go from there.

Brad Bentley: I think we could all go together. Trying to get out more. Because I do want to, like I said go down to walk the reforestation property for the first time. I just wanted to make sure, I trust Rick, Rick knows what he's doing. But, I wanted to see for my own two eyes what reforestation looked like and I liked what I saw out there. I do want to try and get more on the trails, so this would be a good opportunity.

Judy Hunt: Go out with snow boots.

Brad Bentley: I went out with dress shoes, believe it or not. My shoes were a little muddy when I got back.

Tom Erlandson: Well Brad, I'm retired so if you set it up with Rick and we can go.

Brad Bentley: All right. I'll email you. See what his availability is.

Martha Anderson: Thank you Tom.

Judy Hunt: Want to adjourn this meeting Bob?

Bob Franzen: I think we're just about all set. There wasn't anything else under new business, no more old business and I think with what we have accomplished, we'll call it quits for today.

**Next Meeting: December 3, 2020, 4:00 pm – by Zoom**

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Tampio  
Clerk, Chautauqua County Legislature

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