

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

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PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE

LAURA SCHAEFER

CHAIRWOMAN

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LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT VICE CHAIRMAN

LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

LEGISLATOR CARRIE A. SOLAGES RANKING MEMBER

LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE (for Drucker)

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

A L S O A P P E A R E D

KEVIN WALSH, OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE

JASON MARRA, GREAT NECK PARK SUPERINTENDANT

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CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: At this time,
I'd like to call the Planning,
Development and Environment Committee to
order and I will ask the Clerk to please
call the roll.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Madam.
Roll call.

Legislator Debra Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Denise
Ford.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman Thomas
McKevitt?

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LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Laura
Schaefer?

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
Ma'am.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.

There's an addendum to this agenda.
Can I have a motion to suspend the Rules?

LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by
Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
Giuffre.

All those in favor, please signify
by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Planning, Development and
Environmental Committee respond
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: The Rules have
been suspended.

We have one item on the agenda
today. It's Clerk Item 204-23.

This is an ordinance making certain

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2 determinations pursuant to the State
3 Environmental Quality Review Act and
4 authorizing the County Executive of the
5 County of Nassau to accept, on behalf of
6 the County of Nassau, an offer of
7 purchase by the Great Neck Park District
8 of certain premises located in the
9 village of Great Neck Town of North
10 Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New
11 York, said property known as Section 1,
12 Block 129, Lot 431 on the Land and Tax
13 Map of the County of Nassau, and
14 authorizing the County Executive to
15 execute a deed, contract of sale and all
16 pertinent documents in connection
17 therewith to consummate the sale.

18 May have a motion for this item?

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

20 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: So moved by
21 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
22 Giuffre.

23 MR. K. WALSH: Good Afternoon,
24 Legislators. Kevin Walsh from the Office
25 of Real Estate Services. This is a

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2 proposed transfer of a vacant piece of
3 county property located in the Village of
4 Great Neck. I would classify this is
5 kind of an unofficial storm basin. It's a
6 drainage parcel that is not needed for
7 county purposes. The Great Neck Park
8 District, reached out to the County,
9 would like to acquire it for park
10 purposes. So it will be conveyed to the
11 Village with a restriction in the deed
12 that it may only be used for passive park
13 purposes available for use for all county
14 residents.

15 The location of the property is
16 between a village ice rink and a tennis
17 facility and ball fields in the back. So
18 they're going to clean the property up,
19 add some trails and it'll be for the
20 benefit of the community.

21 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Great. Thank
22 you.

23 Any legislators want to comment on
24 this item? Legislator Mule.

25 LEGISLATOR MULE: You mentioned

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2 that it would be for the use of all
3 Nassau County residents. So, I don't know
4 the answer to this question, but are
5 Great Neck parks generally available to
6 all county residents?

7 MR. K. WALSH: I don't know. I
8 actually have a representative of the
9 park district here, Jason Marra. Maybe
10 he can answer that question.

11 LEGISLATOR MULE: So my real
12 question is, how do we make sure that all
13 county residents will know that they have
14 use of this property?

15 MR. K. WALSH: I'll let him speak to
16 it. I know there will be signage.

17 MR. MARRA: Hello, my name is Jason
18 Marra, Superintendent of Great Park
19 District. To answer your question
20 specifically, our parks are generally for
21 Great Neck Park District residents only.
22 We have sites that we have staff where
23 they have to show ID card to come in. The
24 site of this location, as mentioned
25 earlier, is between our ice rink and our

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2 tennis facility, which is open currently
3 to all county residents. So we will have
4 signage up and we will not be enforcing
5 park cards for that park usage. So it is
6 open for all county residents.

7 LEGISLATGOR MULE: And then will
8 parking be available?

9 MR. MARRA: Yes. There is parking
10 on-site currently. So this land is
11 situated directly between our two
12 recreation facilities, which there's
13 ample parking provided.

14 LEGISLATGOR MULE: So the
15 recreational facilities areas will not be
16 available to county residents; is that
17 correct?

18 MR. MARRA: No. Those two
19 facilities are special use facilities so
20 they are open to non residents of the
21 Park District, whereas our specific parks
22 in other locations are for Park District
23 residents only. The site of this
24 location, the two facilities are
25 currently open to Nassau County

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2 residents. So the park that would be
3 passive in between will be open to county
4 residents and we would just have general
5 park signage up indicating that.

6 LEGISLATGOR MULE: Great. And how
7 many acres are we talking about?

8 MR. MARRA: The total is 2.2.

9 LEGISLATGOR MULE: Thank you.

10 MR. K. WALSH: I just wanted to add
11 also to this. The County is also
12 reserving an easement for DPW in case we
13 do have to get into any of the drainage
14 and so forth.

15 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you, any
16 other legislators?

17 (Whereupon, no verbal
18 response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.
20 Any public comment on this item?

21 (Whereupon, no verbal
22 response.)

23 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: There being
24 none, all those in favor of passing this
25 Item, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Planning, Development and
Environmental Committee respond
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: The item
passes unanimously.

There is no other business before
this Committee, so may have a motion
please to adjourn?

Moved by Legislator Bynoe, seconded
by Legislator Ford.

All those in favor, please signify
by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Planning, Development and
Environmental Committee respond
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: We are

adjourned. Public Works is next.

(Whereupon, the Planning,
Development and Environmental
Committee is adjourned, 2:43
p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 12th day of June, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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