



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: May 13, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Al Klingele, *Chair, Parks Committee*

Robert Bozza

Cliff Hagen

John Kiernan

Anthony Riccardelli

Committee Members Absent

Thomas Barlotta

Joseph Carlo

Vito Gallo

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *Interim District Manager*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Board Members Present

Jeff Geary

Guests

Colleen Siuzdak, New York City (NYC) Parks Department

Area Residents

Public Contact Session

- Area resident spoke on various issues he is concerned about, including beach conditions, debris, graffiti, homelessness, drug use, fireworks, chemical spraying, public pathway plans, and misappropriation of tax money.

Agenda

None

Parks Announcements

- Summer Outdoor Movies Series has begun. May 31, Wolfe's Pond Park, Toy Story, begins at dusk.
- Beach and Pool prepping season. Beaches open May 24th and close September 7th. Pools open June 27th and close September 7th.
- Annadale Green construction has begun.
- Greencroft Playground Phase II and III, reconstruction of 2 playgrounds and a baseball field, will begin mid-June.
- Seaside Wildlife Nature Comfort Station will be ready this summer
- Owl Hollow Comfort Station will be ready this summer. The turf fields will also be replaced.
- Construction on the Lemon Creek Tot Lot has begun, completion next spring.

Tree Pruning Program

- Schedule is on a 7-year cycle as recommended by the American National Standards Institute. They prune in a block-by-block pattern. Homeowners can prune trees themselves once they file for a free permit.
- When branches grow into cables and electrical wires, they refer directly to Con Ed or the utility company, or they may advise the homeowner to do so.

Dead Tree Removal

- Tree Risk Management Program – Trees are inspected and given a rating from A-D. A is the highest priority. Following a storm, tree removal will take place without going through the inspection process.

Stump Removal

- All stumps remaining from NYC Parks removal operations are recorded. The removal schedule is dependent upon funding from the NYC Council.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Klingele", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Albert W. Klingele, Chairman