



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

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

DATE: June 10, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Thomas Barlotta, *Chairman of the Board*

Robert Bozza

Joseph Carlo

Cliff Hagen

John Kiernan

Anthony Riccardelli

Committee Members Absent

Al Klingele

Board Members Present

Jeff Geary

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *District Manager*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Colleen Siuzdak, New York City (NYC) Parks Department

Stephen Hamson, NYC Parks Capital Projects, Design Director

Ankita Gupta, Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects

Joy Guttierrez, NYC Parks, Deputy Director of Concession Architecture

Joseph Tranchina, NYC Parks Concessions

Marc Tranchina, NYC Parks Concessions

Area Residents

Public Contact Session

None

Agenda

Wolfe's Pond Park Playground Reconstruction & Pickleball Courts Construction

Located near Cornelia and Chester Avenues. Total budget \$9.92M, funded by Borough President Vito Fossella and former Councilman Joe Borelli. The Playground was a vision of Borough President Fossella, who wanted to create a playground for children of all abilities.

Community Priorities

- Inclusivity
- Circulation
- Play
- Nature

Project Includes:

Play equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12, Spray Shower, Plaza, Sensory Path, Nature Exploration, 3 Pickleball Courts

A **Motion to Approve** the project as presented was put forth and approved unanimously. A Letter of Support will be sent to the Parks Department following the General Board meeting.

**Full presentation on file in the Community Board office*

Grand Oaks Country Club Concessions Renovation and Expansion –

Joy Guttierrez, NYC Parks, Deputy Director of Concession Architecture presented plans for the renovation and expansion of the Grand Oaks Country Club. Mr. Joseph Tranchina is a licensed Concessionaire with the City of New York. He was awarded a new license agreement with a 19-year term. As part of the license agreement, Mr. Tranchina will undertake capital improvements on behalf of the city.

- Newly designed entrance with new brick wall, lampposts with planters, shrubbery
- New East and South elevations
- Outdoor Pergola
- New expanded second level with new roof and terrace
- New entry extension with metal roof and Mansford roof
- Total capacity increases by 120 ppl

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Parks Announcements

- There is still a shortage of lifeguards. This may affect beach opening times.
- Pools will be opening on June 27th.
- Movies Under the Stars are in effect and begin at dusk.

Old Business

- An update to the Horseshoe Crab count was requested.

New Business

None

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Riccardelli
Board Member