



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

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

DATE: November 14, 2023

TIME: 7:00 PM

IN PERSON: No

VIRTUAL: Yes

SPEAKER: Yes

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board*
Albert Klingele, *Chair*
Dianne Mattioli
Frank P. Morano
Anthony Riccardelli

Committee Members Absent

Engjell Lleshi
Nicole Nigro

Board Members Present

Jeffery Geary

Staff

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*
Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Colleen Siuzdak, *Administration Coordinator, Department of Parks & Recreation (PARKS) Borough of Staten Island*
Kimberley Butta, *PARKS Capital*
Gabriella Keller, *PARKS Capital*
Stephen Hamson, *PARKS Capital*
Denise Pacheco, *Rep. Assembly Member Michael Reilly*
Carol Donovan, *Richmondton-Clarke Avenue Civic Association*

Public Contact Session

No Speakers

Agenda

Annadale Green Reconstruction Project – Located at Jefferson Boulevard and Annadale Road. The budget is \$2.5M, funded by Councilman Joseph Borelli in fiscal year 2023. The project size is 13,500 sf.

Goals:

- Upgrade passive recreation amenities
- Facilitate passive use and community events
- Enhance access, circulation, and sight lines in the park
- Improve alignment of the WWII Monument

A Motion was put forth to accept the project as presented and was unanimously approved. A letter of support was requested and will be provided pending the vote at the General Board meeting.

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

Parks Announcements

Qualifying tests for Lifeguards start this winter for the summer of 2024. Applicants must be 16 years or older when the position begins. Visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/opportunities/jobs/lifeguards> for more information.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A question was raised regarding homeowners planting their own curb trees without Parks' assistance. Colleen will follow up.
- The city wants homeowners to replace their gas heating systems with electric heat and pumps. This is a very costly endeavor. Beginning January 2024, one- and two-family homes will not have any gas connections for heating or cooking.
- DOT's paint for the bus lanes is polluting our waterways with microplastics. They are painting the lanes every three years.

Respectfully submitted,



Albert W. Klingele

Chairman, Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee