



**Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript
May 26, 2021**

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Scott Johnson: OK, so now marriages minutes.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right so we'll start with the approval of the Minutes of the April 28 meeting motion to approve.

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angela swift: press.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All in favor.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Aye Aye.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Aye that Scott Sue Mike Gary and Angela do you approve.

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angela swift: Yes, I do I proved.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, there we go alright great, so why don't we start with them with Brian and beaches and voting.

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Scott Johnson: Brian you have to unmute.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yourself if you want to.

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BKerzner: I am working on that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You don't have to.

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BKerzner: habits, if I can figure it out.

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BKerzner: Right.

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Blaize Levitan: Now really Brian you don't have to it's okay.

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Joe Siciliano: You can just talk to so good.

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BKerzner: cool all right um.

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Scott Johnson: And you're on you're on a boat in the Caribbean right.

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BKerzner: yeah that sounds perfect that'd be great but not that lucky this time around.

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BKerzner: um let's see as far as our different facilities cool so i'm scheduled to open on Friday.

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BKerzner: The splash pad should also be open and the kiddie pool should be open in the next couple of weeks, so a couple of repairs on that lifeguards we're in decent shape with we could always use a little bit more, if you know anybody, but i'm overall the biram complex is in pretty good shape.

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BKerzner: Grad point is up and going there's already beach crew there lifeguards will be starting on Friday.

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BKerzner: haven't seen any huge numbers of the park in the last week or two so capacity shouldn't be a big issue.

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BKerzner: As far as the gates the gates are all staffed up pretty well.

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BKerzner: fairies we've got two of the three ferry boats back from the yard, this year we did a lot.

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BKerzner: of cosmetic work we're just fortunately in a position where we were able to do.

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BKerzner: A lot of painting a lot of really in depth priming to help.

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BKerzner: help protect the the metal the structures, the House so that we're we're very happy with that you get a chance to stop by the ferry docs.

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BKerzner: The both certainly look better now than they've looked.

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BKerzner: In quite a while.

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BKerzner: Third boat, hopefully, hopefully we'll be back next week or so just depending on how long it takes for the yard, to get through everything.

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BKerzner: Eastern is open to sell tickets to non residents they've been selling out but they're they're doing well haven't had any big issues with.

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BKerzner: With that, as far as the marinas go, they are pretty much at capacity, there are.

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BKerzner: A couple of slips that we're still trying to fill just for people that aren't returning finding the appropriate people off the waitlist to take those slips but everything is really up and going and then really good shape.

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Scott Johnson: So so Brian did.

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Scott Johnson: Good staffing complexities because of coded.

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Scott Johnson: I mean, really, really mess you guys up, I mean i'm not sure how you do some of the stuff you do with.

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Scott Johnson: remotely.

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BKerzner: and

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BKerzner: Oddly enough over the winter it really didn't make it didn't change things to drastically.

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BKerzner: Over over the winter, a lot of what we're doing is.

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BKerzner: Processing which is.

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BKerzner: Which is blazes crew and some of the prep work as far as the sheds a lot of our guys in the shows are working outdoors.

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BKerzner: So they still were working the full normal 35 hours, so that wasn't an issue we were able to find the new caretaker for island beach that was one of the bigger things that.

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BKerzner: took quite a while to do but.

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BKerzner: New gentleman's name is Joe meekly seems to be a great fit for the island very mechanically inclined kind of a jack of all trades very easygoing personality.

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BKerzner: And so that's certainly one of the staffing issues that we've had for a little while at least filling because it's such a unique.

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BKerzner: position, but that seems to be pretty good lifeguards are a little bit tougher to come by just because there wasn't as much certification opportunities as there usually are.

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BKerzner: So the number of lifeguards in the area, probably a little bit lower.

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BKerzner: But the the managers have done a really good job so getting out there, trying to find as many lifeguards as we, as we possibly could given, given the environment, but as far as beach crew gatekeepers those positions where we're in pretty good shape, with.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Just a quick question.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Sorry Scott, are you done.

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Scott Johnson: I just wanted actually curious on the certification still but you tell me what are the certifications that are required for life.

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BKerzner: There is a lifeguard certification, which was the tougher tougher one i'm trying to think that is done I can't think of what's who that's done through.

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BKerzner: That one was a little bit more challenging you also need the the cpr training, there are still quite a few trainings for cpr and the eds so it's really mostly the lifeguard training that was tougher to come across.

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Gary Dell'Abate: i'm just really quick question just remind me because it's.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Because I do I do take I have some friends that are coming up this weekend from the city that you know him and his wife were to go to the beach.

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Gary Dell'Abate: They go to eastern to get their pass right, but they were they were they are they available online, because I think during the pandemic, we were or weren't doing that for a little bit.

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BKerzner: And for residents, they are so you'd be able to go in, under your household and by for non residents, so you can go that route, or they could go to eastern as well.

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BKerzner: Eastern in the last week or so has been selling out we've got a CAP per day.

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BKerzner: Prior to this week we weren't selling out too often now halfway through the day they've been selling out but as residents, you can still go online and purchase those at your convenience.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right, so I could purchase it and then it's it's \$25 per person is that how it works.

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BKerzner: Trying to remember the numbers I think it's.

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BKerzner: I think it was eight or \$9 a person for the beach.

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BKerzner: parking was 40 I believe.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right so to have two people would be \$50 in assets right.

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BKerzner: 5060.

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Gary Dell'Abate: hours.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, 4018 that's right 18 okay all right good and i'm Mike has a question by Kevin Harris.

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yeah.

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Mike Bocchino: Am I unmuted.

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Mike Bocchino: You want just.

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Mike Bocchino: for clarification I can't remember what is the what is the age group for the lifeguard I know it's certification, but if we know people who you know kids are looking for work and employment that'd be good to know we can share with them.

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BKerzner: Sure, I believe there's two different ages, I believe you can get certified at a pool for at the age of 16 and do it for the beach or the ocean I believe it's a 10 if they can get certified, we can most likely find a spot for him.

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Mike Bocchino: Okay cool Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, are we good on that Brian.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Good all right, Joe looks to directors report.

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Joe Siciliano: So.

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Blaise Levitan: hey we can hear you.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, because I I seem to be.

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Joe Siciliano: Some seems to be freezing up and I don't know whether that was Brian freezing up or what.

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Joe Siciliano: It.

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Gary Dell'Abate: sounds like somebody told me if you can.

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Gary Dell'Abate: It sounds like yeah it's because Brian was a freezing up and you were breaking out but let's give it a shot see we get.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, let me walk maybe that will help.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, give it a shot.

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Joe Siciliano: you hear me.

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Joe Siciliano: Can anybody hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: you're you're kind of in and out yo.

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Gary Dell'Abate: say what why don't what what why don't I skip Joe for now and see if a signal gets better.

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Joe Siciliano: can be finale let me.

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Joe Siciliano: Let me, let me move to a different portion of my house i'm sitting right on top of my router let me see if I can move a little bit.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Well, that must be painful.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So why don't you give us an update on what's going on, just a quick update on what's going on with the field.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I know I caught you off guard but.

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Scott Johnson: she's on mute.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So you're on mute society and just give us.

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Sue Snyder: Yes, okay well.

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Sue Snyder: Not much to report.

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Sue Snyder: Everything is in full swing, for the spring as of last week, the code rules changed basically all restrictions have been lifted, except for certain mask restrictions.

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Sue Snyder: But when it comes to outdoor use fields masks are not required, however, town employees are still required to wear masks.

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Sue Snyder: Outside when working if they cannot maintain at least six feet of social distancing but other than that we're we're pretty much in full swing, with all of our programs and other private users of our fields.

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Scott Johnson: So do we have a lot of.

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Scott Johnson: Many new applicants this year.

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Sue Snyder: And we're waiting to get information from two groups which will probably be coming in the fall they're both two.

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Sue Snyder: Schools on one is it a Japanese school and another is a special needs school which we just heard from today they're asking for information on applying to us fields, but other than that it's we've just had, maybe.

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Sue Snyder: Like just little things like a baseball league wanting to add one more team, or something there's this hasn't been anything.

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Sue Snyder: You know, really extravagant request so we've been able to just manage them with don and i'm making decisions, but there hasn't been anything large.

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Sue Snyder: Except like I said we're waiting for.

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fall.

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Scott Johnson: Then you require protocol protocols to be given to you and reviewed.

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Sue Snyder: yeah but, as of now, like I said as of a week ago, effective may 19 all these restrictions have been lifted, so we had been up to this point, but.

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Sue Snyder: I haven't had a chance to revise the information on the website yet with respect to use of athletic fields, but if people were to apply for field use now it's very different than if they were to apply, you know, last summer fall.

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Sue Snyder: or even early spring this year.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Any other questions before we move on from from soon.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright joe's trying to get on on another on another system so we'll just jump ahead to what's going on.

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Gary Dell'Abate: what's going on with the parks and REC foundation.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And that would be Scott.

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Scott Johnson: i'll just start briefly um you know this, we have a committee that's formed and Sue has basically been running the show and.

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Scott Johnson: has shown amazing creativity and energy so Rico Rico and I know who kind of held the administrative stuff for the Foundation churches or managers kind of open going Thank God Su so.

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Scott Johnson: So why don't you summarize a little bit of what you've already done, and then the stuff that you're trying to come forward.

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Sue Bodson: Sure thanks thanks, so much so, we have had two small little fundraiser slash friend razors I like to call them because most people there are a lot of people who are aren't.

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Sue Bodson: aware.

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Sue Bodson: That there is a foundation so um you know if he getting the awareness out there about the fan foundation is it's a great opportunity for us.

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Sue Bodson: He brought in a couple of thousand dollars, which is, which is really nice and we made new friends, which is, which is really nice and I i'm looking at.

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Sue Bodson: i've already sent you guys the wireframe for the website and I started, we writing the content for that which i'm going to share with you, so we can update the website.

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Sue Bodson: And for our last meeting that we had, I sent you today Scott, our proposal on marketing collateral that we can start to put together for Eastern better civic Center I have done this before we're born Byron Clark i've also done more recently for.

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Sue Bodson: Adult daycare for their capital campaign so it's putting together, you know, a brochure in a nice format that you can to a potential donor, because when you're doing a large capital campaign, like the one that we are are thinking about embarking on.

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Sue Bodson: You want to start with the High Level donors and it really needs to be a one on one in progress in.

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Sue Bodson: You know in hopefully in person, now, and you want to hand them something that they can take away and we wanted to be nice and and we can do that it's like i've done it, I know how to do it, we could totally do it, and we have some ideas that we are thinking about around.

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Sue Bodson: Possibly the fourth of July that I can share with the committee when we have more informational when it would be a friend razor and a fundraiser so.

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Sue Bodson: In making a little bit of money for the parks and REC foundation, but then again using it as a tool to get the awareness out there about about the Foundation, and you know we've talked about.

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Sue Bodson: it's not just these two credit civic Center there's a lot of different things that the Foundation can support in terms of beautification and supporting recreation, obviously, the US fund, which is, I mean it's been effort in the past.

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Sue Bodson: So that's that's about it, I think.

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Scott Johnson: Great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: got anything to add.

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Scott Johnson: Well, not not really but.

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Scott Johnson: The I one of the ideas it's just getting the the notion of the Foundation out there which it's always surprising that people don't know about upon the other hand, we haven't really been advertising and so maybe the next step or Sue is put at is to just get some press releases.

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Scott Johnson: get some articles in the paper or whether it's a press release or just informational thing.

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Scott Johnson: Particularly before July 4 if we want during that.

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Scott Johnson: Presentation you're talking about because that's a great idea.

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Sue Bodson: yeah definitely and we have you know we're depressed has it has always been really supportive and is really supportive of what the things that we've done in the these past few things that we've done the Sentinel.

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Sue Bodson: Pass Greenwich time you know very supportive of our efforts so.

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Sue Bodson: that's a no brainer.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I just want to jump in and say i've been have a couple of meetings.

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Gary Dell'Abate: About this, you know with with Sue and Scott and molly so levy is working with us and I just liked the way we're operating we're we're slowly ramping up but we're going to get there, you know we're just not diving in and.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You guys are doing a great job on this, I appreciate the way it's going.

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Sue Bodson: Well, and you know to that point Gary it's American Okay, this is, this is not a sprint and and we have to pace ourselves.

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Sue Bodson: And you know we all know how long the you know the East village civic Center and the rank and all of these projects, how long they're taking and we have to pace ourselves accordingly So yes, I appreciate that and and that's that's our that's what we're gonna do.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great alright Joe do we feel we're in a position now to to are we do we have better connectivity let's give it a shot.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Jeff to unmute.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Joe you're with us.

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Joe Siciliano: Can you hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I can hear you.

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Scott Johnson: You can that sounds better.

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Joe Siciliano: All right, i'm on my phone now.

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Joe Siciliano: gotten off my other system but let's see if this can work.

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Joe Siciliano: i'm not i'm not going to put my video on because I think that'll mess it up, but.

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Joe Siciliano: So i'll go ahead and give some information here a couple updates.

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Joe Siciliano: We haven't talked about golf in quite some time and everybody still have you because you're frozen on my screen so.

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RLoh: We gotcha.

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Blaize Levitan: gotcha loud and clear.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, so we haven't talked about often a long time, so let me, let me give a little update about golf where we were on the golf has been going really well there's a lot of activity at the griff we're averaging about 225 to 250 rounds of golf on a weekday and over 300.

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Joe Siciliano: rounds to 325 rounds on a Saturday Sunday so golf is very busy the TEE time reservation system seems to be working well.

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Joe Siciliano: And the range is very active, so we are seeing more Members this year than we saw it, we are over 2000 Members this year, and last year for the entire season.

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Joe Siciliano: We only had about 1600 plus members, so the membership is up by around 400 over the entire season for last year, so that's positive that people are playing at the griff they're staying here.

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Joe Siciliano: You know and and we're seeing a lot of activity, a couple other things that I want to get in and and i'll try to be brief, is that we've been working with our consultant on the field study.

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Joe Siciliano: and, obviously, the first phase of that is to look at the the you know the items that we're using for maintenance, the irrigation the drainage the.

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Joe Siciliano: possibility of doing some soil improvements top dressing aeration those types of things we've had three meetings with our consultant.

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Joe Siciliano: I think we narrowed it down to several opportunities several fields that we're going to be looking at in more detail, will be having a meeting this.

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Joe Siciliano: Wednesday Tuesday the meeting scheduled, basically, is just the intense internal meeting of staff.

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Joe Siciliano: With a consultant to try to narrow this down and then, once we get more information will will broaden that out to the to some other members of the committee, but we need to have some working time here to kind of evaluate some of the.

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Joe Siciliano: Some of the locations and some of the needs at those locations, but that is pretty active.

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Joe Siciliano: I do understand that, from the passing of the budget that we have to go back and offer a to the BT a presentation on the field study.

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Joe Siciliano: and also to talk about how we would spend the additional hundred and \$50,000 that has been appropriated in the July one budget so that's still pending and, but we have to do this work first before we can even talk about the.

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Joe Siciliano: And then we would give a full presentation on the field study to the BT whatever they deem appropriate next few months or so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So we'll go, can I just jump in for a second because it's really interesting you know, one of the things that some of the people for a little bit nervous about this about, you know.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Oh, you have the right to do whatever you want, I mean what can you do with \$150,000 there are people who you know who are under the impression that we're going to like redo entire parks 150,000 is a very small amount of money to just do some touch up work Am I correct on that oh.

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Joe Siciliano: Absolutely we've had a lot of comments from certain areas of town manifest i'd met with a laughlin avenue folks on Monday afternoon.

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00:22:17.280 --> 00:22:25.410

Joe Siciliano: We had a 15 they had 15 people and Fred and I gave them a little overview and I think that that what they're concerned about is that.

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Joe Siciliano: You know this has been identified or items have been identified in this study and, but I also said to them that you know rightfully so.

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Joe Siciliano: either individually or as a group they've been texting, I mean emailing us and we would include their comments as an addendum to the report and their objections so.

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00:22:44.730 --> 00:22:53.640

Joe Siciliano: You know, not only for laughlin avenue there's been some comments about other locations and that might be a way to be more inclusive is to include their comments and.

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Joe Siciliano: Objections or maybe even positive thoughts about what we might be doing and we'll we'll do that we're in the process of collecting all that data and getting it into the.

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00:23:05.850 --> 00:23:11.670

Joe Siciliano: rear of the report us and attentive, so I think I think we've we've, at least for now satisfied their.

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00:23:12.540 --> 00:23:26.550

Joe Siciliano: The at least laughlin avenue folks are being anxious about you know we're going to combine with all listen to all this work, but you are correct \$150,000 will barely barely bias some irrigation work at one of our locations, you know so it's.

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Gary Dell'Abate: it's very good to hear that you have that meeting with you and Fred because that that will lay a lot of fear so glad to hear that happened.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah that happened on Monday so we're we're a little bit ahead of you know, he would not really you know we give we give them good information.

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Joe Siciliano: And they left relatively comfortable, but you know there'll be there'll be watching the you know the appropriation so that.

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Joe Siciliano: In the next few years what's coming up in the capital, and I, and I tried to alert them that laughlin avenue, even though it took a lot of criticisms is not high on the.

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Joe Siciliano: Second capital request because we want to go to areas that will give us more flexibility and have and those would be the middle schools.

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Joe Siciliano: Eastern granted civic Center.

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00:24:13.950 --> 00:24:18.840

Joe Siciliano: would go to any part before that, I mean there's a bunch there's a list of whole list of locations that.

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Joe Siciliano: would give us more capacity, if we were to do some improvements there so often avenue is not in the top five or even maybe even the top 10 in my world but and but you know it's going to be continued to be part of the report and people.

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00:24:36.330 --> 00:24:48.780

Joe Siciliano: Will you know just have to monitor the 15 year capital plan as it builds itself out, so there are 22 locations we'll see how it will see how it kind of plays out as we're evaluating some of these.

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Joe Siciliano: locations now for the maintenance we're also having a kind of a side discussion about how we would position them in the capital of plan going forward so.

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Joe Siciliano: So we were having those you know we're working those details out right now.

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Scott Johnson: john Scott.

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Scott Johnson: So, you mentioned the 150 but isn't there another big number in that budget for years just ongoing maintenance.

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Joe Siciliano: there's there's three you already appropriated and the one is in July, starting July 1 and that had the one he has a condition.

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00:25:23.940 --> 00:25:30.450

Joe Siciliano: To come back and demonstrate what we're going to spend it on and also give the you know the.

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Joe Siciliano: That the consultant give the BT of if.

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00:25:35.670 --> 00:25:36.930

Joe Siciliano: You feel study report.

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00:25:38.580 --> 00:25:38.820

Joe Siciliano: up.

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00:25:41.880 --> 00:25:50.130

Scott Johnson: Explain explain the deep time variation because that I know I know it's not approved, but it sounds like a pretty nifty idea to maybe help.

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Joe Siciliano: So when you get a serious amount of compaction, which a lot of our fields have.

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Joe Siciliano: One of the ways that you can alleviate some of that compaction is to do something called deep time Eric vacation and what that means is that.

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Joe Siciliano: These are still times that go into the ground, they can go in six inches eight inches probably you know, up to a foot or more.

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00:26:10.320 --> 00:26:14.790

Joe Siciliano: And what happens is is that it kind of shaped so it's called it's like a shattered core.

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Joe Siciliano: And what happens is is that it breaks up the subsurface and then you can fill those tiny holes, with the appropriate material so that and grow grow and then received them.

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00:26:27.360 --> 00:26:37.740

Joe Siciliano: And what happens is is that it allows the water from the surface, to drain into the subsurface and it alleviates some of the compaction in the subsurface now.

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Joe Siciliano: It will take it will take more than one application to do this.

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Joe Siciliano: But we've been doing this at the golf course on the fairways for five years or so and it pays its benefits, because not only are we breaking up the subsurface, but in some very critical spots we're also.

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Joe Siciliano: Hopefully, helping the water to penetrate through the surface into the subsurface and to disperse in the subsurface so.

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Joe Siciliano: It is a methodology for not only compaction and growing grass fed grass, but it's also it's also method for helping assisting with some of the.

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Joe Siciliano: drainage issues and the subsurface compaction that will accept water so we're looking at locations to do this in.

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Joe Siciliano: It will it's a it's a multi year program but it's a good program to get started, and it will pay some dividends and it's not overly expensive to do this, most of the contractors that we use.

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Joe Siciliano: charged by the area I mean we'd come up with a calculation of square yards or something of that nature and they charge per square yard of field space to do this so.

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Joe Siciliano: This is, this is, this is something we should invest in, and we should do it, you know annually on certain fields that are that are definitely need some.

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Joe Siciliano: relief on the compaction and and hopefully it'll start relieving the drain, some of the drainage surface drainage issues that we have.

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Joe Siciliano: you combine that with some drainage, you know, putting in some piping and drainage and we're hopeful that we'll be able to decrease the amount of down days that we have with some of the wet wet or areas that we.

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00:28:13.140 --> 00:28:13.830

Joe Siciliano: currently have.

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Scott Johnson: But just one last questions for me when you go to the ETA next on this you're going to be showing them this work that's been done Holland field, study and then asking them to the least the 150 and two they have to approve any more on that.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, if I remember correctly, what they asked for is they want to know what the.

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Joe Siciliano: is going to be spent on a little bit more detail so just like we just talked about whether it's going to be spent on.

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Joe Siciliano: Deep time verification combination with some drainage we're going to spend it on irrigation we're going to spend it, you know I mean so we're going to outline the.

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Joe Siciliano: \$500,000 that we between the 350 and the 150 and then we're going to look at you know how we're going to you know position, some of these projects in the 15 year capital plan so.

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Joe Siciliano: You know we're going to give them a little bit more detail because right now, they don't they didn't really have a lot of detail on what we're going to spend the money on but.

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00:29:13.830 --> 00:29:28.470

Joe Siciliano: My comments were that we're going to spend it on drainage irrigation soil compaction and those types of things so we're just trying to outline some of this so that they would get a better feel for what the 500 would be spent on and then release the 150.

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00:29:32.400 --> 00:29:48.480

Joe Siciliano: So hey girl before you before I break ladies is going to talk a couple two minutes on where we are processing wise for park passes and a couple of things, so if we could give them a minute or two of my time, that would be great to update us on all that.

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00:29:49.530 --> 00:29:49.890

Gary Dell'Abate: Great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You know what to do that now blaze one do that now.

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Blaize Levitan: yeah sure just go real quick, so the team of you know, obviously the department's been real busy especially processing part passes um we've issued so.

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Blaize Levitan: Far a year to date as of this morning at least 30,058 park passes, so your beach pass to give some context, to have the success of the early.

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Blaize Levitan: The early bird pricing structure that we implemented this year, as well as the demand for our facilities in in January January one to April 30 2019 so before the pandemic.

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Blaize Levitan: We issued 13,000 park passes, last year we did only about 11,000 through April 30 and this year through April 30 we were already at just shy of 24,000.

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Blaize Levitan: So that was a good shift and people, you know purchasing early through the early bird pricing, but also as Joe mentioned everything.

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Blaize Levitan: Everything is up there's definitely a demand, you know for our local services and parks so we're a little over 30,000 we process, you know we sold about 5000 this month.

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Blaize Levitan: Last year we did last month we did around 10,000 just to give some volume so it's slowing down a little bit March was was real big to with around 11,000 park passes sold that month, so the the processes is going very well, we also are around at about 2100 tennis passes.

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Blaize Levitan: and

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Blaize Levitan: An 1100 marine you know facility use passes just to give some of the numbers so.

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Blaize Levitan: they're answering a lot of phone calls emails and processing residency we got a seasonal support this time of year in the office going through residency verification.

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Blaize Levitan: really good adoption of online and also by mail this year, so one of the benefits to come out of the shift and operations over the last year and a half.

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Blaize Levitan: And that's just a quick little overview of where we're at and some of the numbers on passes.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Excellent yeah you can really you can feel you can feel the town busted open Everywhere you go, and so I have no doubt on those.

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numbers.

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00:32:18.210 --> 00:32:20.700
Gary Dell'Abate: Joe are you are you good with the report.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah I mean we can keep going if there's any other questions I can comment and something comes up i'd be more than happy to talk about it so let's keep going yeah.

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00:32:30.420 --> 00:32:35.010
Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, so rick once you give us an update on the rank.

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RLoh: It can do that it'll be a little longer than the usual.

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RLoh: we've had two newly formed rank committees zoom meetings, since our last parks and REC meeting.

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RLoh: we're we're off to a pretty good start the architects slam collaborative has been involved in both meetings in the first one, it was kind of an overview and introduction, but they did introduce.

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RLoh: Five possible sites for a new rink on the property there.

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RLoh: The old biram school property that the rink and the baseball field in the parking lot in the playground, and the memorial trees.

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RLoh: now occupy.

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RLoh: And you know every there's not one clear site that makes sense at this point in time, we went over them again today and.

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RLoh: I guess the big in terms of determining the site, one of the the larger issues is.

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RLoh: Most of the utilities, we will need if not all of them are in an under Western junior highway.

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RLoh: So favoring a location towards Western junior highway makes a lot of financial sense.

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RLoh: And we've got two issues we're dealing with right now, one is that.

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RLoh: we're really trying not to lose a full season of ice for the town of Greenwich that happens at hamill.

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RLoh: and

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RLoh: That is one of the reasons we're looking at a site, other than.

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RLoh: Excuse me exactly where the rank is right now so that's.

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RLoh: We can't really.

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RLoh: It would be very difficult for the town to go without what happens at that rank for a full season, not only from a hockey standpoint but a figure skating standpoint public sessions and whatever.

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RLoh: The other issue we have right now is common sense says that if you're going to build a big new 40,000 square foot building, you need a appropriate way for construction vehicles to get in and out as long as all the materials and.

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RLoh: So the plan is that we're working on.

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RLoh: involves a access way from Western junior highway into the property.

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RLoh: There is an old Gate in the fence out there, which would be down the Left field line as the baseball field sits now.

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RLoh: The the grade they're actually would allow that to happen, fairly easily.

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RLoh: And what is also being explored.

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RLoh: And looks to be the best way to go, is to have a new permanent road that would feed into the rink facility in that same location.

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RLoh: there's been some movement of the road, a lot of discussion on how this will happen.

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RLoh: But it's it definitely makes sense from a construction standpoint, and it may make sense.

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RLoh: to service the rank and the park going forward.

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RLoh: And our next meeting is a month from now.

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RLoh: you've probably seen some press that we we had some of the money that would have taken us through the full architectural process and and resulted in us having all the plans available for building that money, a big chunk of it was chopped at the last minute in the budget process.

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RLoh: They did leave is 50,000 to let us know that they still think the rick is a good idea, but there's 900,000 that.

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RLoh: We will have to go back.

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RLoh: And request, once we have more answers to questions, and you know, admittedly, there are a lot of unanswered questions still at this point and.

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RLoh: Everybody needs those answers.

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RLoh: I can answer any questions or I think that's an overview Mike you were at the meeting both these meetings, if you have anything to add feel free.

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Mike Bocchino: know you pretty much hit hit the nail on the head with most of them there was.

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Mike Bocchino: The buyer neighborhood association wasn't in favor of was the only vote against.

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Mike Bocchino: You know, reviewing and another site.

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Mike Bocchino: They want to have the building taken down and put up on an existing site, but then like rick said that would that would.

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Mike Bocchino: mean we would lose at least one if not two seasons of hockey.

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Mike Bocchino: Which we're trying not to do so, one of the things we said was we'll continue to actively at least i'm going to make sure we.

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Mike Bocchino: i'm at least continuing actively look to see if there are other possible sites that we haven't explored, even though there was a committee before doing just that to hopefully alleviate some of the stress for the Community.

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Mike Bocchino: But outside of that that vote was move forward because everybody pretty much on the committee wants to make sure that we don't lose any ice time for the kids at the high school on both men's and women, and even the younger, you know the youth sonic youth hockey programs.

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Mike Bocchino: The.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Are you talking about a temporary site where you can have hockey while you're building there is that what you're talking about or you're talking about.

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Gary Dell'Abate: A completely new site for where it would be.

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Mike Bocchino: Well, both I mean rick's actually looked into.

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Mike Bocchino: You know, a temporary site, but Alan and Elliott said that nothing's really temporary because we can't just put an ice rink on the ball fields, without having all of the accoutrements IE the bathroom facilities porta Johns wouldn't work and some of the other things that you know.

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Mike Bocchino: dw would would require us to have so to get all the approvals to have that move forward, so we are, I mean we are looking i'm i'm at least looking with some others to see if there are other other sites, but.

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Mike Bocchino: The the slam group has done a you know pretty pretty good job we asked that they they look to move the.

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Mike Bocchino: The roadway entering in from Western junior high lean more towards the North, which takes it towards the post road direction.

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Mike Bocchino: They did that and it actually looks very good because it alleviates more of a 90 degree and creates more of 120 degree, where it's easier for.

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Mike Bocchino: passage coming in and coming out the only problem with what was discussed today was they were leaving an option on the table for potentially closing.

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Mike Bocchino: Sue mertz the other entrance way, which I wasn't in favor of neither was the neighborhood association.

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Mike Bocchino: But that's you know, neither here nor there that would be down the road.

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Mike Bocchino: I think I think what slam has put forward is you know actually with the roadway and being moved a little bit more to the north, allows a little bit more wiggle room as rick said, you know the rank would have to go closer to.

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Mike Bocchino: Western junior highway for utility, but it would actually allow us a little bit more area to create.

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Mike Bocchino: A regulation size field without looking at you know, having a green monster so to sort of be off the side of the skating rink and it would allow for a little bit more wiggle room for.

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Mike Bocchino: You know, like some locker rooms and things you know, depending upon the configuration, because obviously it won't just be a square, but it was a productive meeting, I think, and I think we're headed in the right direction, and you know, hopefully we hopefully we can continue down this path.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great rick I did want to ask you, you know we're seeing a lot of emails and stuff about a veterans memorial over there and about you know, can you just tell us what that is it has that been resolved.

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00:40:46.110 --> 00:40:56.190

RLoh: There are 13 memorial trees there's a there's a park there called eugene more lot park eugene more lot was a custodian and Byron school everybody loved them.

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RLoh: And this park is named after him, but the main feature of this those smaller area of the park or the 13 memorial trees planted in honor of veterans and buyer who have lost their lives, serving our country.

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RLoh: Obviously nobody wants to do anything to harm the trees.

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RLoh: or impede them in any way.

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RLoh: And the biram neighborhood association by room bets are making sure that we're aware of those trees right.

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Gary Dell'Abate: there's no was it is know what I think I gotta that was there was no plan to do anything to them in the first place, is that the case.

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RLoh: Now there was there was no plan.

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RLoh: To do anything the.

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RLoh: One of the concepts with.

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RLoh: The idea, the early idea of building the new rank in the parking lot.

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RLoh: And then.

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RLoh: Replacing the existing rink location, with a new parking lot one of the ideas was at one end of the rank we would have a glass wall, there would be a sitting wall outside.

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RLoh: There would be some.

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RLoh: plaques.

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RLoh: pointing out that the tree that the grove of trees was actually there.

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RLoh: It you know it turns out that that putting the rink on the parking lot is probably not the best place if for no other reason than the utilities are a much longer run and it's very expensive to run them, so we seem to be focused on the rink being.

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RLoh: i'll call it.

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00:42:39.960 --> 00:42:54.840

RLoh: On the left field side of the existing baseball diamond with a road coming in just just above it if you if you're like, if you look at an aerial view think of Sherman avenue being in the foreground closest to you.

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RLoh: Then you'll see the rink, then you see the baseball field, then you see biram school, the old school up to your left.

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RLoh: So.

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RLoh: and actually that reminds me you the Minutes and agenda section on the town website.

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RLoh: There will be minutes, the minutes of our first meeting are there, those minutes contain the different proposals in terms of rank citing on the property.

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RLoh: So there's some background information that is available to people it's been in the press to you could probably Google it'll show up.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right.

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Scott Johnson: Scott, let me just one final thing is, I mean your budget cuts you're really kind of handcuff right now, these guys have can be working for free right.

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RLoh: Well, we have the first 30%.

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RLoh: We we have enough money to get us to the EMI situation we have that money, the money that was cut was the money that was going to take us right on through all the construction drawings and get us ready to put the shovel in the ground and get us all the way through.

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Scott Johnson: So we're pressing on design stuff inside plan stuff um until the next phase, we have to go who am I construction drawings right.

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RLoh: Right, and so I think we're being treated like.

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RLoh: Like the second phase of the high school project like North my end of school and all the work they need.

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RLoh: They want more information would completely understand that they want more information, where they're going to release the money.

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RLoh: And, quite frankly, because of the coven last year, we should be farther along than we are but we're, not because we couldn't meet nobody could figure out what was what until.

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RLoh: We all went to zoom and started catching up with life so.

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that's.

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RLoh: that's where we are, we have we have enough to keep going right now Scott there's there's nothing slowing us down from at this stage.

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Gary Dell'Abate: hi rick Thank you, thank you very much, as a lot going on, I appreciate it um Scott, want to give us an update on what's going on with the issue of reddit civic Center.

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Scott Johnson: Well i'm the architects.

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Scott Johnson: next phase of their design was was approved so they're doing now interiors and some detail we're applying is nc stuff is all correct so we'll probably have another committee meeting now said.

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Scott Johnson: I guess at this point is July or August until they produce some trials which they they're not there yet, we really have nothing to review.

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Gary Dell'Abate: up are we still have the feeling that we're you know can get a shovel in the ground sometime early next year.

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Scott Johnson: Well it's going to have to be to be approved of money for us to get to keep your drawings and get on your is more information.

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Scott Johnson: pick a contractor go through that vetting process, so the answer is, I don't know but i'm not sure that we're too far off if we're awful.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thanks Scott.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy did you I see you're up here, did you make it.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You did you should unmute.

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Nancy Chapin: i'm here i'm sorry my i've got a difficult.

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Nancy Chapin: connection but i'm here i'll be very, very brief so.

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Nancy Chapin: As far as benny we just are trying to organize a June gathering to celebrate all that was done there and.

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Nancy Chapin: So more on that to come.

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Nancy Chapin: And the I know that people are really enjoying vinnie park and all the improvements ever made so that's I can i'm just going to be really brief tonight, just because my connection and then do, let me just roll right into the pie mean i'm pomerance.

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Gary Dell'Abate: tech please yeah that'd be great.

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Nancy Chapin: So basically there's just been a lot of volunteer work and doing basic remediation and we're chugging along with the map, which is coming along really, really well and so.

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Nancy Chapin: we're there's just a couple of trails that are getting finalized, and then we will kind of present it for a final review and approval.

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Nancy Chapin: And we're just at some point just to you know better understand how a friends group might really work well with parks and REC for for future discussion, but things are going well and it's great to see people really enjoying both of these parks.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great Thank you frank, you have a question.

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Frank Di Vincenzo: yeah I, I just want to.

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Frank Di Vincenzo: state that I had a meeting with Nancy and the husband Andy and they were so terrific they showed me around.

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Frank Di Vincenzo: They gave me an hour and a half walks through all the properties and some of the work they're doing and it's amazing the amount of energy that Nancy.

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Frank Di Vincenzo: is showing it's just I was totally impressed, and so I wanted everybody to know that I think that if you any of you have time, you should call her and she'll give you a tour.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you.

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Nancy Chapin: Thank you, frank and, yes, and maybe when the weather gets Nice, you know i'm host something here, even so.

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Nancy Chapin: You know now that we're all getting vaccinated and can gather so.

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Nancy Chapin: But yes i'm definitely passionate and and know a lot of the history, so if people are interested it's fun.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Well you're right Nancy because, when we were when we were all live in person, we used to rotate.

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Gary Dell'Abate: The meetings we were doing from the rank and we're doing from different locations so maybe we can do something there so that's great that's a great idea all right, thank you so do we have any new business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Scott.

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Scott Johnson: One thing which we haven't talked about much.

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Scott Johnson: You know, there was an rfp.

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Scott Johnson: That went out by Fred know for design ideas for potential development of bottom part of a chat with you and that I guess a little bit of Roger Sherman baldwin.

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Scott Johnson: We haven't been directly involved he's trying to show them that which is fine.

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Scott Johnson: But what's interesting about it is there's a lot of interest, which means there's a lot of developers that have expressed interest in it, I think, so much so that.

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Scott Johnson: The response period have been extended.

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Scott Johnson: I mean this Office here alone, we know for local developers that are really excited about it.

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Scott Johnson: Again we're not directly involved, we might be when it gets to Roger circles that's a pretty exciting project it's you know it isn't the art the PLC D so it's something that will.

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Scott Johnson: affect our jurisdiction some point, particularly as it relates to the park and the connection between the parking lot and the ferry Doc and mushroom involving.

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RLoh: Scott, can I ask a question.

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yeah.

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RLoh: The that property, I was looking at a flood map.

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RLoh: Like it's in the flood zone.

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RLoh: That whole parking lot I haven't beach parking lot is in the flood zone.

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Joe Siciliano: you're right.

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RLoh: So i'm wondering i'm wondering, hopefully somebody realized that but i'm wondering what impact that might have on whatever people are talking about right now.

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Scott Johnson: yeah I mean, I know that they know that and that's where they were trying to elevations just like you know the houses are in flood zones.

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Scott Johnson: The base elevation of the first floor of commercial retail been above that um I think it's a 13 there so that means 13 feet up.

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Scott Johnson: yeah the interesting design elements probably is on deck parking and then these the facility about it.

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Scott Johnson: Yes.

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RLoh: yeah that makes that makes.

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RLoh: That makes up.

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Scott Johnson: That that's my only new new thing.

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Well, actually.

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Scott Johnson: well.

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Joe Siciliano: Gary.

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Scott Johnson: yeah well.

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Scott Johnson: I just I just want to say that one of the things that Karen I do is we receive.

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Scott Johnson: emails about complaints.

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Scott Johnson: Questions i'll dovetail with Joe lot gharial dovetail with Fred a lot, but you know this has been a really hard time with the staff and we've had.

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Scott Johnson: Really few complaints we've had questions with very few complaints I don't even know how they got all the permits out relatively on time, you know the programs, you know camp carefree whatever the heck, it is the fields.

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Scott Johnson: we're just not getting compliant I mean years ago we used to get all these complaints about the golf.

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Scott Johnson: course or about this about that fistfights on fields so we're really not getting it so it's I think it's an incredible testament to the staff, really, really is.

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Gary Dell'Abate: It is but Scott digit be careful, because now everybody's coming back to work.

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Scott Johnson: I told him to email you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I feel like the complainers took a vacation.

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RLoh: Oh, and not all the complaints have moved out of town.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah alright, so you have your hand raised.

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Sue Bodson: yeah I just I was, I just wanted to say was down at Byron beach two weeks ago and I just wanted to give a shout out to their friends of Byron park and minor gardener for leading a fantastic cleanup down there, it was unbelievable amount of what we're working.

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Sue Bodson: And we're going to green and clean, it was it's really fantastic So if you haven't had a chance to go down there, please go down there, it looks beautiful.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thanks Joe and then we'll go to public comment that'll be used.

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Gary Dell'Abate: to bake.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you Sue you stole my thunder, but I wanted to make sure that the friends of Byron Park, which is spin off of the pool committee folks and neighbors.

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Joe Siciliano: Great job 40 people worked hard did a lot of hard work and it shows a benefit as been a lot of positive comments so thanks for mentioning that so that's all I have.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright, so we'll move over to public comment Sue baker you have your hand raised.

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Gary Dell'Abate: gotta unmute.

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sue baker: Ryan Ryan Ryan person.

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RLoh: What is.

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sue baker: The status of that many dredge project a branch point under the bridges for the.

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sue baker: You know the Marsh the two marches because what's happening is they are so loaded with those pugilist shells, you know the slipper shells.

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sue baker: That there's not proper drainage of the March, and as the weather gets hot you're going to get a eutrophication problem it's gonna be really smelly it was supposed to be dreads what happened, Brian kirschner.

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BKerzner: French and we've got to go for a new permit for it, which we knew and our plans were to actually dredge this year before the existing permit expired deep decided that, for whatever reason, they wanted to do additional plant testing.

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BKerzner: And they actually went back and told us that, despite with the fact that we already had a had a excuse me permit.

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BKerzner: To do dredging up through the end of March, that we were not actually allowed to do any dredging on the existing permit and we had to wait till they do additional plant sampling so everything was lined up, we had the machine.

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BKerzner: lined up for the rental deep just came in and said that we're not allowed to go into the existing.

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BKerzner: Permit and waiting to see probably early to mid summer.

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BKerzner: we've got to hire a.

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BKerzner: Plant specialist to come in, look at the area determine if there's any plants that are considered protected in the area i'm still working with deep for the permit.

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BKerzner: And just waiting to see how it goes.

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sue baker: Hopefully.

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sue baker: An issue that sounds crazy you mean we have to get a new permit because the old one expired in March and we can't use that.

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BKerzner: Correct it was expired this at the end of this past March.

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BKerzner: yeah we were lined up with the equipment to do the dredging before.

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Correct.

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sue baker: get along just.

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sue baker: How long does it take to get this plant evaluation and we pretty much know what's there we've always known by stare you know standard marsh plants we did a bio blitz two years ago, we know everything that's in there.

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BKerzner: We own, this is one of the ongoing games, it will always have with deep they hear that somebody said that there used to be or might be something there and then everything gets locked up until we can prove otherwise so.

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BKerzner: we're like.

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sue baker: We have the proof there is that full report it was done by the state, somebody you kind of the bioblitz in September 2019.

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BKerzner: Your you're preaching to the choir trust me I wish we were able to just do it, everything was lined out, they said we couldn't.

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BKerzner: we're doing everything we can to get the permit again but we've got to play by their rules we're doing everything we can to try to get there as quickly as possible, but.

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sue baker: nobody's doing this.

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sue baker: You.

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Joe Siciliano: Give us a link for that report that might be another additional step.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, send it to you.

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sue baker: I appreciate it yeah bio.

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sue baker: Bio blitz of Sep tember a nine to 2019 Okay, I can find that for.

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Joe Siciliano: US we'll see if we can use that as the.

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Joe Siciliano: weapon against the dp so she listen it's.

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sue baker: crazy they're crazy there's nothing left there that well nevermind.

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Joe Siciliano: I don't know.

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Gary Dell'Abate: It sounds like brian's doing his best, and you can give them a hand with the report so that'd be great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Is there any unfinished business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: i'm great, then we can adjourn Thank you all again.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you all have a great night.

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RLoh: Thanks Gary.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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Mike Bocchino: Thanks care.