

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: November 4, 2020
CATHEDRAL PINES COUNTY PARK

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President David Lipman opened the General Membership Meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM. The salute to the flag was led by David followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: David Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Joe Kukral, Todd Lavender

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Cruisers, Castaways, Drifters, Outsiders, Polecats, Tailgaters, Friends by Nature, Hooters, Mallards

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept by Frank Schortemeyer and second by Ruth Olson.

Correspondence: None received

Legislative provided by Joe Kukral:

Otters have been spotted at some of the County Parks – it is being looked into what can be done to divert them.

Bicycle repair stations to be installed via grant from LI Board of Realtors, hopefully by next spring. Proposed locations to include Cathedral Pines, Sears Bellows, Montauk Park County Park, Manorville Hills. They are working on a master plan with 7 to 10 stations being considered here in Suffolk County. Permanently mounted station to do repairs as needed. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email Parks Department.

Indian Island – Suggestion of lifeguards. They are looking into it but truth is that it is hard to get staff for Smith Point, let alone even further East. We do have employment applications here if you know anyone that is interested.

Cedar Point – Parks department sent employees in to clean up the previous store, one of the glamping decks will be used as outdoor deck at the store. Joe hasn't seen proposal yet but county is taking a real interest in getting it reopened.

Price Increases for 2021 – When asked about any potential price increases, the response we received is that there is nothing submitted in the budget for 2021.

Camping Walk-Ins at County Parks – We are working to get this back in 2021, but at a \$10 fee (rather than \$3 as previously charged). No reason for anyone walking up to get away with paying less than we pay for our online reservations.

Water will remain on in the County Parks through Veteran's Day. Cathedral Pines & Indian Island will remain open during the winter months.

Membership: SCC Membership due 12/31 with club roster \$3 per person max \$50

Old Business:

Online Group Area Reservations – It was suggested by member that an auto response be sent out which will acknowledge that online group area reservations were submitted. They are looking into it if the system can handle this and let us know.

Blydenburgh – Member asked about tree trimming at last SCC meeting. Supervisor at Blydenburgh was going to take a look and would submit work order if tree trimmers are required.

New Business:

Member asked if County has provided any indication of group reservation process for 2021. Response was that we haven't received any information yet – as soon as we find out, we will let you know.

Member suggested that we put solar lights by the campground signs on the road (i.e.: Cathedral Pines, Southaven). David will communicate that idea to the County.

We are happy to report that the campers are doing a great job at adhering to the COVID guidelines which the County Parks instituted. Thank you for taking care of yourselves and keeping yourselves healthy and safe.

David reported that the reservation system is 180 days now – member brought up point that this would be after the group reservations are made (March). If club wants Memorial Day and they don't get a group area, they might turn to booking individual sites. That means that the proposed 180-day timeline would take away this option. Members all agreed that this could cause an issue. David will be calling the County to see what can be done.

Reminder that if there is an uptick in the virus, we don't know how that will impact the camping. There are still a lot of unknowns.

North Fork Preserve – status update was requested. Joe continues to bring this up but nothing to report at this point.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2021 (check www.suffolkcommitteeformcamping.org for any changes)

50/50 Raffle Winner: Kathy Hallock

Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Schmidt, second by Sheryl Hoffman

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