

**Inc. Village of Floral Park**  
**June 19, 2018**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence in memory of Trish DeMaria who passed away on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Trish was the wife of Former Trustee Tom DeMaria. Everyone who knew Trish all said what a wonderful person she was. She will be greatly missed and Mayor Longobardi asked everyone to keep the DeMaria family in their thoughts and prayers.

**Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the 2017-2018 road reconstruction project will begin in the next few weeks. The roads included are Clayton Avenue and Locust Street. As we all know, Locust Street is a beautiful tree-lined street. Unfortunately, a number of these trees have encroached onto the street which affects the slope and grade. As the slope and grade are severely disjointed, water is not conveying properly which in turn causes puddling and icing problems along with the road not being able to hold its intended structure. To this end, unfortunately, we will need to remove approximately 40 trees prior to the start of the project. As per our commitment to ensuring we keep our beautiful tree canopy, prior to this decision being made, we had the engineer for the project determine only those trees that absolutely needed to be removed. Additionally, we will be planting new trees on Locust Street to replace those that were removed.

Last night, Trustee Fitzgerald said that he and the Mayor visited neighbors on Locust Street to provide information and answer questions that they had. Further details/FAQs along with a listing of the trees that will be removed can be found on the Village website in the next day or so.

**Belmont Park – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that last week we were informed by Senator Elaine Phillips that she sponsored a bill to amend Section 212 of the Racing Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law to allow for a local advisory board for Belmont Park. As this is something the Village of Floral Park and the communities that border Belmont have been requesting for years, we are eager to ensure its passage and thank Senator Phillips for her efforts in getting this closer to the finish line so that we have the same standing as the communities that surround Aqueduct and Saratoga have enjoyed for years.

**Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo thanked and congratulated seven of the Floral Park Fire Department's best for their many years of service. Honored at a recent Active Engine Company celebration were Ex-Chief Paul Szymanski, Ex-Chief Peter M. Bilardello, Ex-Captain Gil Luger, Ex-Captain Thomas Good, Ex-Chief William Green, and Firefighter John Moloughney, all for over forty years of service, and Ex-Chief Frank Wakely, Sr. for over fifty years of service. Fire Department colleagues, the trustees and families were on hand to celebrate and applaud these extraordinary

Department leaders. The smiles and admiration on the faces of the Fire Department families, especially the grandchildren and one great-grandchild, made the day a special one for all.

On Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Department will hold its next Blood Drive at Headquarters on Vernon Street. Also taking place will be an important Bone Marrow Drive, being held on behalf of one of our local students. We hope for a big turnout for this meaningful cause.

And coming up on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Fire Department's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade and Celebration!

### **Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo reported that our Floral Park Conservation Society has been busy ushering in the summer season at Centennial Gardens. On Friday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>, neighbors and friends enjoyed a beautiful evening and sunset with music and refreshments at the annual Garden Party. It was a special evening to celebrate and support the Gardens, a unique, natural treasure.

And, on Saturday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father Thomas Fusco and Deacon Larry Mulligan celebrated an outdoor Mass in the middle of our Gardens. Hundreds enjoyed this uplifting experience, coordinated by the Floral Park Knights of Columbus and the Conservation Society.

### **Police Department – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng said he had good news to report in that there were no additional bicycles and cars broken into in the Hillcrest area of the Village. Trustee Cheng thanked the Police Department for a job well done during the Belmont Stakes and the Chamber of Commerce Belmont Stakes Street Fair on Tulip Avenue.

### **South Side Civic Association – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng reported that the South Side Civic Association will be hosting a forum at the Recreation/Pool Building on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm regarding the effects of substance abuse in a community and to bring awareness to an organization called Families in Support of Treatment (F.I.S.T.). This forum is open to all residents and community organizations or anyone you may know who has interest in this very important topic.

### **Third Track Task Force – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng said late night on June 25<sup>th</sup> the LIRR will be trimming trees and removing brush in the area of the third track construction. On that same day, roads in the Village that contractors expect to be driving heavy equipment on will be inspected. Structural inspections of homes in the construction areas will begin soon so that if damage occurs to that property it will be returned to its original condition. Additional environmental borings will be performed in August. There will be a temporary loss of parking in the Tyson Avenue area during construction. Additional parking is being arranged by the Third Track contractors in the former Men on the Move property. Village parking passes will be honored in that area.

## **Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara reported that this past Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenger Tournament was held at the Recreation Center. The Challenger Division provides a Little League experience for children who are physically or mentally challenged in a wholesome, supervised environment and expose these children to the benefits offered by Little League. The tournament was well attended by teams from Nassau County and even a few teams from Suffolk County. Trustee Chiara said he is proud to say that over 40 children from our Little League Association and other community groups volunteered to help out with this event, along with many adult volunteers. It was a lot of fun watching everyone, from the participants, parents and all the volunteers enjoy this wonderful event. Smiles were abundant and everyone had a great time! Special thanks to the sponsors, James Daley and Thomas and Robert Sullivan of Garden City, Tournament Director Lee Cook and Al Vanasco and, of course, our Floral Park Little League who coordinated the event under the leadership of Rich Provost and his Little League Board of Directors, and our Recreation crew, DPW, Rescue Squad and Police Department who did an excellent job making sure our facilities were in great shape and all were safe. We received a lot of compliments on our Village.

At the pool we had our first teen luau with nearly 350 teens attending. It was a fun-filled evening. Our next teen luau will be held on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our full-time pool hours will start on Saturday, June 23 and continue to August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:45 pm daily.

Most of the programs will be starting on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, including the Youth and Sports Program. The Early Bird Club also starts on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am to 7:45 am every Monday and Wednesday for members 21 and older.

The Night Owl Club starts on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 pm to 9:45 pm every Tuesday and Thursday for members 21 and older.

Teen Nights are held on Monday and Wednesdays from 8:45 pm to 10:45 pm for teen members who are 13 to 17 years old. Please check the summer Recreation and Pool Booklet for scheduling, activities and events. You can always call the Recreation Center for updated information.

The adult volleyball and basketball programs have started. It's always fun to see people participate or just watch the competition. The summer is a great time to enjoy our facilities and Trustee Chiara encouraged all residents to do so.

## **Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi**

Mayor Longobardi said there have been many events in the last few weeks from Memorial Day on forward. The Mayor thanked the entire staff including the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and Village Hall staff for all their efforts.

Mayor Longobardi also thanked the Trustees for all the hours they put in attending the events and making sure they go off without a hitch. The Trustees put a tremendous amount of time and effort into everything they do and, at the same time, enjoy doing it.

Mayor Longobardi said he visited the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at John Lewis Child's School. The children had many questions for the Mayor relating to the Village and he told them it was all about everyone working together to get the work done.

Mayor Longobardi said that on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk to the Village Justice, Donald Phillips is being honored as Clerk of the Year by the Nassau County Magistrates Association, Inc. at their Annual Installation and Awards Dinner. We are all very proud of Donnie. Associate Village Justice Perry Criscitelli is also being honored as the outgoing President of the Nassau County Magistrates Associates. We congratulate Donnie and the Mayor looks forward to the installation and awards dinner.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Bill McCabe from Just the Facts Media for filming this evening's meeting.