

Inc. Village of Floral Park
July 10, 2018
Board of Trustees Meeting

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the 2017 road work program on Locust Street and Clayton has started. Trustee Fitzgerald said the Mayor and Board will be happy to answer questions after the Board has completed their reports. In attendance this evening are Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane and Roger Cocchi from Dvirka & Bartolucci, the engineers who is supervising the projects.

Milling and paving has been done on Aspen Street during the past week in which our Highway Department spread six tons of asphalt.

The catch basins on Remsen Lane, Rose and Violet Avenues and Mayfair and Walnut Avenues were replaced.

Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo commended Floral Park Cadette Troop 1484 of the Girl Scouts. For the prestigious Silver Award, the troop created a Sensory Garden for the community at Centennial Gardens. This beautiful creation stimulates all the different senses through the use of a variety of interesting plants and materials. This garden will be a special place where all children, especially those with autism and other challenges, can fully experience and enjoy nature. Troop 1484 welcomed many community guests at their dedication ceremony on June 28th. All are invited to visit this magnificent garden for a most enjoyable sensory experience with nature. Appreciation is extended to Troop 1484, their leaders and the many community members who contributed to this very special addition at Centennial Gardens.

The Conservation Society invites all of our community members to visit this unique display of nature daily from noon to 5:00 pm. Volunteers to help maintain the Gardens are always welcome. Go to www.fpgarden.org for beautiful photos and more information.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reported that our volunteer Fire Department continues to provide significant community service, even as they respond to fire and medical emergency calls and engage in ongoing, rigorous training and drill activities. During the past month, members of the Fire Department Rescue Company and their equipment were present to provide support at the June 16th Floral Park Little League 25th Annual Challenger Tournament at the Recreation Center. Teams from at least nine different regions of Long Island participated in this highly successful adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges, ages four to eighteen. At the June 24th Library Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival, firefighters from our Alert Company spent a Sunday afternoon giving firetruck tours and equipment demonstrations

for large, excited audiences of young children and their families. A June 29th blood drive at Headquarters yielded 191 pints of blood. Thanks to our Fire Department and the many donors who participated. On July 4th, the Alert Truck Company members participated in the Stewart Manor Fire Department parade, along with the rest of our Floral Park Fire Department who were there for support, protection and insuring a fun-filled time for our local communities.

On Saturday, August 4th, our Fire Department will continue its 125th anniversary celebration with a spectacular parade starting at 5:00 pm. Featured will be our Fire Department, many other departments from the area, bands, marching groups, and a fabulous celebration. The parade will start in the north end, proceed through the Village and end at Village Hall with an evening party for all at the Carlton Parking Field. Stay tuned for more exciting details and save the date – Saturday, August 4th at 5:00 pm.

Library – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that so far this year, 197 children have signed up for the summer reading program. On Thursday, July 19th at 7:00 pm, the Library will be hosting a tribute concert to James Taylor, Carole King and more on the Library lawn. On Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 pm there will be a concert of Great Girl Groups of the 60's with Nina Gordon and Her Band.

The Library is now offering the NYS Empire Pass which allows the pass holder and their occupants in one vehicle free entry to most of New York's State-operated parks and recreational facilities. You may go to the Library's website under Museum Passes to reserve a pass for yourself.

Please check the Library's website at www.floralparklibrary.org for more interesting and fun children and teen programs.

Police Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that there has been a new fence installed at Tunnel Street by the MTA. It is a vast improvement. The Police Department is reporting again that 3 or 4 *unlocked* cars were entered into. Not much personal property was taken.

The Police Department reports that major crimes have decreased by 45% this year to date.

Larcenies have decreased by 58% (10), burglaries decreased by 67% (4) and Robbery by 50% (1). Increases were auto theft 50% (1) and Aggravated assault 100% (1).

Third Track Project – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that last month he attended approximately 18-22 hours of meetings with contractors and the MTA.

The viaduct construction on Tyson Avenue is scheduled to begin sometime in September 2018 and conclude approximately May 2019. In the Memo of Understanding, it was stated that Tyson

Avenue would be closed for two weekends; however, the contractor said he expects a full closure at Tyson for three months.

Construction is slated to begin on Plainfield Avenue during the Fall of 2019 and on Linden Avenue also in the Fall of 2019. They will be digging elevator shafts this Fall and estimate elevator construction completion late 2019. This information was received from the contractors. A list of structures to be inspected for pre-existing conditions has been started but we have not received a complete copy of the list yet.

Road surveys are starting on July 11th again to check for pre-existing conditions. According to the FEIS, materials and equipment were to be brought into the Village by rail for the most part. The contractor informed us that materials and equipment would arrive by trucks on our roads.

We continue to learn of major deviations from the FEIS and the MOU. We wrote a letter to the MTA on July 1st regarding our concerns but we have yet to receive a reply from them.

All the above dates provided by the contractor are subject to change

Mayor Longobardi stated that we are making every effort to make sure the Memo of Agreement is being adhered to.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Center and Pool is the place for our residents to be. At the pool, all the offered programs and activities are in full swing.

As always, we have a large amount of children signed up for free swim lessons. The ‘My Tot and Me Swim Program’ is offered for parents or guardians to introduce infants to the pool environment.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is available to children ages 11 to 15. Our Pirate’s Swim Team has begun their practices and their first meet is July 11th at 6:00 pm. Trustee Chiara wished them a successful and fun season.

We will be having a variety of entertainment at the pool and will continue to do so throughout the season. Piano Man Pat Farrell, Sam Tesh who sings Frank Sinatra and Ashley Caturano who sings pop music are a few of the entertainers who have performed so far to everyone’s enjoyment.

Senior Bingo is held every Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and Family Nights continue to be very popular.

Coming up will be our Moonlight Movies Series starting on Friday, July 20th. ‘Top Your Own Sundae’ and ‘National Hot Dog Day’ where the Snack Bar will offer foot-long hot dogs for sale will also take place on July 20th.

District 29 Basement and Softball Tournaments have concluded and the Floral Park Little League Summer League for players ages 7-12 has just begun.

Boys and Girls Sports Camps are now in progress.

Our Men's Basketball and Volleyball Leagues and Women's Volleyball are in play.

Please check our website at www.fpvillage.org or the Floral Park Pool Facebook page for updated activity information or you can always call the Recreation Center.

Once Again, Trustee Chiara encouraged all residents to enjoy our wonderful facility and he thanked all the staff for doing a fantastic job coordinating and keeping all our activities running smoothly.

Enjoy the summer!