

Inc. Village of Floral Park
September 18, 2018
Board of Trustees Meeting

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Locust Street project continues in its final stages. Last week, the contractor cleaned out all the basins of construction debris and repaired some minor issues with the pavement. The sod is expected to be placed in the next few weeks.

Work on Memorial Park has begun with the first stage being the replacement of the light in the gazebo with an LED fixture on a light sensor. Upcoming work will include replacing the light poles. The poles and light fixtures will have LED fixtures which are brighter than what is currently there. This work will continue as weather permits. After the lighting is completed, the landscaping will be started.

Belmont Park – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald said, as mentioned at the last Board Meeting, we will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Recreation/Pool Building to educate our residents on the proposed project based on the Scoping Document findings.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo expressed the appreciation of the Village to our Floral Park Fire Department for its leadership of the 9/11 ceremonies held at Village Hall and the Reliance Fire Department. At these moving ceremonies, our Floral Park and Bellerose deceased first responders and residents at the World Trade Center were honored. Appreciation also goes to the many who joined us in mourning our tragic losses – the Police Department, Department of Public Works, our Village Administrators, Floral Park Clergy and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lest We Forget.

Our Fire Department Training Committee is planning important drills in the coming month. The first will be a combined on-site Police Department/Rescue Company drill to coordinate the first responder roles and tactics in school violence incidents. Other important topics for future drills are the control of bleeding, fuel/oil truck emergencies, and mass casualty incidents. We commend our volunteer Fire Department members for their commitment to training and maintaining current expertise.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reminded all to save the date, this Saturday, September 22nd, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, for the Covert Avenue Street Fair. Check the Covert Avenue Chamber's Facebook page or the Village website for a colorful poster with the exciting details.

Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo announced another save the date, Saturday, October 6th, 9:00 am for the Centennial Gardens Monthly Weed-Out. Please join the enthusiastic volunteers at the Floral Parkway gate for an enjoyable autumn morning helping to beautify our Gardens.

Floral Park Library – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that there are many exciting events taking place at the Floral Park Library this Fall and residents should check their website at www.floralparklibrary.org. Among the events are the 3rd Annual Family Fall Festival on Sunday, September 23rd from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm where there will be a magic show, a pumpkin patch and games. On Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 pm, the Floral Park Library will be hosting ‘The Great Give Back’ which is a day for Long Island libraries to offer patrons the opportunity to participate in meaningful, service oriented experiences. The Floral Park Library will be making dog bandanas to help shelter dogs look even cuter and get adopted. The bandanas will be donated to a local animal shelter.

Third Track Project – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that construction work had been scheduled to start the end of September on South Tyson Avenue, but, as of yet, nothing has happened. They are most likely waiting for the boring and environmental studies to come back. The retaining wall was due to begin in late November and we will see if that project starts on time. It is not anticipated that the Village will permit use of the Recreation Center Playground for staging and storage of equipment. We were exposed to the traffic plan for the closing of Covert Avenue. Together with Senator Elaine Phillips, Trustee Cheng went over the traffic plan with the contractor. The plan was for northbound traffic on Covert Avenue from Hempstead Turnpike to make a left turn on Tulip Avenue but now will be asked to turn right on Plainfield Avenue. This will not work and the contractor is going back to the drawing board to devise a new plan. Traffic plans for westbound traffic on Stewart Avenue has not yet been addressed. Trustee Cheng said we have engaged a traffic study so that the experts can look at what will be most viable for Floral Park including turning lanes, changing stop lights, creating “don’t block the box” intersections and creating one-way streets.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Little League Awards Night was held on Friday, September 15th. The players and guests were treated to a barbeque dinner before all the awards were presented. Congratulations to all the award recipients and to all the participants in the Little League Program. It was another successful season. Special thanks to Rich Provost and the Little League Board for putting together such a great experience for our children. Great job!

The Fall Adult Volleyball League for both women and men has started and competitive play is underway.

The Jim Krug Fall Classic Tennis Tournament is entering the final round of play. The champions will be announced shortly.

The Screaming Eagles Hockey Teams will have their kick-off on Friday, September 28th at 6:30 pm.

The Floral Park Youth Council Football will also be starting the beginning of October.

Registration for Session I of the Fall Recreation Program took place recently and there are only a few remaining openings. These programs are about to begin so if you are interested in joining, please call the Recreation Center at 326-6336.

The total renovation of Tiny Town has been approved and the project will begin in early October. Once a start date is confirmed, notices will be posted at the Recreation Center and on our website. We have been told the project will take up to six weeks and we are looking forward to its re-opening. We will keep our residents updated on this project.

On Saturday, September 29th from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, the 20th Annual Liz's Day will be held at the Recreation Center. Liz's Day is a fundraiser for cancer research. All residents are invited to attend and support this worthy cause.

Also on September 29th at 9:00 am before Liz's Day, we will be honoring two inductees to our 'Floral Park Recreation Memorial Wall' for their contributions to the youth of Floral Park. These gentlemen contributed an enormous amount of time and energy to our youth programs. They volunteered to organize and run many sports programs for many years including Little League, CYO and Lacrosse and, today, our youth still benefit and thrive due to their dedication and passion. Please join us in recognizing Former Mayor Tom Hayden and George Rettinger for all they did for the children of our community.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi encouraged all residents to come out and enjoy Liz's Day on Saturday, September 29th at the Recreation Center. Liz's Day will be celebrating its 20th anniversary, a truly remarkable feat. On Saturday, September 22nd, two events will be taking place, the Annual Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Street Fair and Floral Park Memorial High School Homecoming Parade.

Mayor Longobardi thanked the Village Hall Administrative staff for their hard work in preparing the 9/11 ceremony which is a very special day of remembrance for our community.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting and Kris Brooks from *Newsday* for attending.

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting would continue in his office with Department Heads after a brief recess and the public is invited to attend.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:55 pm.
