

Inc. Village of Floral Park
October 1, 2019
Board of Trustees Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence to remember fallen New York City Police Officer Brian Mulkeen who recently lost his life in the line of duty in the Bronx.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that DPW crews are finishing up the last week of road repairs for the season using hot patch. This year, our crews have applied more than 600 tons of asphalt at selected areas throughout the Village to repair pooling water issues and road repairs.

Crews are now preparing for the Fall leaf season. We would like to remind residents to please not rake leaves into the street. Sanitation crews will pick up bagged leaves curbside on designated yard waste days.

On September 27th, a call was made to Village Hall by a motorist who dropped keys with a remote starter in a basin on Hinsdale Avenue. A DPW crew was dispatched to investigate whether the key could be retrieved from the basin. As luck would have it, our crew was able to locate the keys and retrieve them from the basin. They were handed over to the Police Department and the motorist was notified of the outcome. Thank you to our General Supervisor Kevin Pearsall and his crew Steve Goodwin and Kevin Roe for a job well done.

Trees have been planted on Locust Street and sod is scheduled to be put down at the end of October when the weather cools down.

Recreation Center - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo thanked all for a highly successful and enjoyable Liz's Day event at our Floral Park Rec Center. Thousands of adults and children spent a beautiful, sunny day gathering with friends, listening to great music, playing games, winning raffle prizes, eating delicious food and, of course, raising funds for Cold Spring Harbor Lab's all-important breast cancer research. Thanks to all who came out to support this year's 21st annual event and its important cause as well as the talented and dedicated Liz's Day volunteers. A special shout-out goes to our hardworking Village of Floral Park staff: Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt and the Recreation Department, Superintendent Kevin Ginnane and the Department of Public Works, and Commissioner Steve McAllister and the Police Department for their valuable assistance.

Meanwhile, our Fall, Session One Recreation programs are all under way along with volleyball, baseball and football. Come down to the park to enjoy all the fall activities or just for a beautiful fall experience there.

Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo announced that Centennial Gardens will be the site of a Fairie Forest Festival on Saturday, November 2nd, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Visitors, young and old, may walk the trails and use their maps on a treasure hunt to find twelve tiny fairie stations, including a gardener, cook, carpenter, fisherman and others, and claim their fairie tokens. Then all are invited to enjoy light fall refreshments at the Gazebo. Proceeds will go to the Floral Park Conservation Society to enhance the beauty of Centennial Gardens. Save the date – November 2nd.

And, come one and all, to behold the spectacular fall foliage at the Gardens throughout the month of October!

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo thanked all for participating in a very exciting Covert Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, September 21st. Congratulations to our Covert Chamber, merchants and visiting vendors on their tremendously successful event! As always, thanks go to the Floral Park and Stewart Manor Departments of Public Works and the Floral Park and Nassau County Police Departments for their valuable assistance. And now, as Halloween and the holidays approach, remember it is always best to SHOP LOCAL!

Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that there are a few upcoming events sponsored by The Friends of the Library:

- Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, there will be a lawn sale on the Library lawn. Please support this sale by either renting a space to sell your treasures or stop by to purchase treasures for yourself. There should be a variety of items for sale for everyone so please stop by.
- On Sunday, October 20, 2019 at Barnes & Noble in the Country Glen Shopping Center, The Friends are having a Goblin' Up a Good Book Family Fun Event. It will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm featuring storytelling, face painting, cupcake decorating and a prize for the best costume. Stop by to enjoy and have some fun!

Also save the date for Senator Kaplan's Mobile Office which will be at the Library on Monday, November 4, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please take this opportunity to stop by to address any concerns you may have with the Senator.

New Resident Committee – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara said our New Resident Committee continues to welcome new residents into our community. At a recent meeting, ideas were shared on how to reach out to new neighbors. The Committee plans to meet again with local real estate agents to share with them information about our Village so that they can pass this information along to their clients. Other events, such as a meet and greet with community groups and possibly setting up a welcome table at upcoming

community events are also in the works. If a new neighbor moves in on your block, please invite them to stop down to Village Hall to receive a welcome bag packed with valuable information about our great Village.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi thanked the DPW staff for all their hard work regarding all the community events that we have recently had. All these events are the result of the hard work of our community volunteers. Liz's Day was a phenomenal success again this year. It is a great time for all our Village friends and family to come together and support wonderful causes. After Liz's Day, the Mayor said he spent the remainder of the day with members of the Fire Department, our greatest volunteers, outside of Fire Department Headquarters. The Friends of the Library are doing great work and they are so helpful in keeping our Library strong.

This is what makes Floral Park what it is. Mayor Longobardi urged everyone to come out and enjoy these fun events. And think about becoming a part of it by volunteering your time to one of our great committees.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting and for Tom McCarthy, a member of the press, for attending.