

Minutes
Niagara River Greenway
State Park Standing Committee 19th Meeting
January 25, 2019 – 1:00 PM
Niagara Falls State Park
Welch Conference Room

Attendees

Mark Mistretta, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Lou Paonessa, New York Power Authority

Introduction and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mark Mistretta called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Noting a correction to the September 22, 2017 meeting minutes--Various Parks - Niagara Shoreline Trail Information Kiosks (7 total) funding request completion date Fall 2017 to Fall 2018--Lou Paonessa moved to have the meeting minutes approved; Mark Mistretta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Item

Mrs. Rose Warren was in attendance and spoke in favor of both projects presented today.
Mr. Mistretta acknowledged receipt of Mrs. Warren's letter of support to Ms. Angela Berta dated January 21, 2019.

Funding Request

The following projects were deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission:

DeVeaux Woods State Park – Playground Comfort Station: DeVeaux Comfort Station \$ 660,000

The new DeVeaux Comfort Station will support expanded recreation opportunities within DeVeaux Woods State Park. The new comfort station will replace an existing repurposed trailer. The comfort station will commemorate and interpret the recently collapsed carriage barn, using salvaged bricks, lintels and timbers from the historic carriage building. In addition, the new building will be building and energy code compliant and will conform to ADA requirements. It will also provide additional space for the storage of consumables. Construction is scheduled to start in late February/early March 2019 and be completed in August 2019. This project was found consistent with the Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission at its meeting on September 18, 2108.

Niagara Falls State Park – Revitalization Initiative & Landscape Improvement Plan: \$2,540,000

Prospect Point Pedestrian Entrance & Bus Access

The Prospect Point Pedestrian Entrance & Bus Access is designed to create a re-imagined arrival to welcome visitors from various access points to the Park's main entrance. Walkways will be refined to provide pedestrian orientation and efficient access to Niagara Falls State Park and Visitor Center and new bus access will provide for safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up Park visitors. In addition, the project will include flexibility for future Visitor Center improvements. This project was found consistent with the Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission at its meeting on July 17, 2012.

Once construction began the contractor experienced a number of unforeseen site conditions that resulted in change orders relating to a maze of undocumented underground existing/abandoned utility lines, foundations, and soil contamination in need of off-site disposal.

TOTAL.....\$3,200,000

- Requesting NYS Parks Greenway funding be approved for these projects.
- Lou Paonessa motioned to approve NYS Parks Greenway funding for these projects.
Seconded by Mark Mistretta. The vote was unanimous.

Mark Mistretta – approve Lou Paonessa – approve

Next Meeting

Designated 2019 meeting dates dependent on action items and/or project needs:

- Friday, March 29, 2019 - 1:00 pm – NFSP Welch Conference Room
- Friday, June 28, 2019 – 1:00 pm – NFSP Welch Conference Room
- Friday, September 27, 2019 – 1:00 pm – NFSP Welch Conference Room

Adjournment

Lou Paonessa motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Mistretta. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.