



## ***Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair

Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center,  
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Mahoney and McGarry and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Stella and Wallace. Absent or excused were Reps. Saftic and Watkins. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, Michelson and Summerville; David Winston, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission and several members of the public.

Co-Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PR30.006</a>	REVIEW; Status of Parks Police presence in City Parks and the Role of the Parks Police in the Safety of our Residents in these Parks. 03/10/18 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins, Sherwood and Michelson 03/20/18 – Report Made and Held in Committee 04/17/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee 05/23/18 – Report Made	Report Made

Co-Chair Mahoney noted that the Mayor was unable to attend. He read into the record an [email from Valerie Pankosky](#), the Mayor's executive assistant. Co-Chair Mahoney read a statement into the record and reviewed the Committee's prior consideration of this issue.

Rep. McGarry stated she was told that there have been no negotiations until yesterday afternoon and the Mayor hired an outside attorney to negotiate with the union

Committee members discussed:

- Keeping this item on the agenda
- Disappointment with a lack of communication from the administration
- The Police Commission's decision not to reappoint the Parks Police because the Parks Police are not under the supervision of the Police Department
- Whether the parks can be adequately policed without the Parks Police
- Whether the chairs should meet with the Mayor or whether the Committee could

meet another time this month.

- The hiring of police officers fall under the purview of the Police Commission
- Trying to get the Mayor to speak to the Committee prior to the end of the month
- The sense of the committee is that there be parks police

A motion to continue this meeting at a future date with the Mayor prior to the end of the month was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Mahoney, McGarry, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Stella and Wallace in favor).

The Committee had requested an action plan last month which it has not received, as well as the advertisements to fill the park police position.

Mr. Winston stated that the Parks & Rec Commission has always wanted Parks Police, but there has been no plan proposed by SPD to preserve Parks Police. If they go to the SPD, their priorities will not be the parks. The new ad was for a seasonal position, not a year round position.

This meeting is to be continued at a date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).