



It was suggested we might get some further information on Playland from the former mayor of Rye, NY who is happy to help.

**Florence** agreed to have the draft of the preliminary report done by the end of November.

We discussed ideas and pros and cons of proposing a “Parks District”:

- Presently the county law does not authorize a Parks District.
- The boundaries of a parks district would be in discussion. Does it benefit the entire county? Do some parks benefit the entire county and others don't?
- By creating a dedicated fund inter-fund transfers would not be allowed when surpluses are present and needed in other areas of the budget.
- Now the Districts are Water/Refuse/Sewer. Would we even be able to create a true Parks district?
- Taxpayers and voters might see this as a “new tax” at a time when the economy is not ideal.
- Taking away the county Ex and the BOL's ability to control funds would create problems.
- Should we encourage the restarting of the Playland Commission that is already called for in the Charter?
- What about taxing the Tiki Bar? The City of Rye already does tax it. Restaurants serve a public function, just like golf courses.
- What about the “Legacy Program”?
- “Friends of the Parks” already exists.
- The BOL and Co. Ex want tourism.
- The BOL would want to retain authority to vote on various proposals.

\*\* A further benefit analysis needs to be done before a decision on a proposal can be made.

Focus Group meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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