

# MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

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THE MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
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JANUARY 10, 2012

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3. Commissioner Julie C. Baron
4. Commissioner Stuart Lasser
5. Commissioner Philip T. Santiago
6. Commissioner Judith Schleicher
7. Commissioner Richard Seabury, III
8. Commissioner Barbara Shepard
9. Commissioner Helen M. Wronski
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**THE MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION**

353 East Hanover Avenue

Morristown, New Jersey

President Sette called to order the seven hundred and sixty-sixth meeting of the Morris County Park Commission at 9:30 a.m. on January 10, 2012, in the Park Commission Board Room at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

Executive Director Helmer then read the following notice: PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of this meeting held at 9:30 a.m. on the 10th day of January 2012 has been provided by publication in the *Daily Record* and *The Star-Ledger*, by posting of said notice in the Administration Building of the Morris County Park Commission and at the County Courthouse, and by filing a copy of the same with the Morris County Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

The following were present:

President John R. Sette	Commissioner Stuart Lasser
Vice President Betty Cass-Schmidt	Commissioner Philip T. Santiago
Executive Director David D. Helmer	Commissioner Judith Schleicher
Deputy Executive Director William Hugaboom	Commissioner Richard Seabury, III
Park Counsel John Suminski	Commissioner Barbara Shepard

The families of Captain Wieland and Lieutenant Doyle were present for their Oaths of Office.

Mr. Andrew Sinclair was in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

Staff present for a portion of the meeting: Director of Engineering Services Biggs, Director of Recreation Fauci, Director of Golf Klose, Director of Historic Sites Texel, Director of Park Maintenance Vath, Director of Horticulture and Natural Resources Management Zafonte, Assistant Director of Engineering Services A. Vitale, Park Police Chief Huyler, Park Police Captain Wieland, Park Police Lieutenant Doyle, Manager of Recreation Biase, Manager of Park Projects Felter, Buildings and Construction Manager Holster, Manager of Horticulture Morse, Superintendent of Natural Resources Management Kovacevic, Administrative Coordinator Coleman-Moore, Trails Foreman Nee, and Communications Coordinator Wnek.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

President Sette led those present in the salute to the flag.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Morris County Park Police Lieutenant David Wieland was administered the Oath of Office by Park Counsel Suminski for his promotion to Captain.

Morris County Park Police Sergeant David Doyle was administered the Oath of Office by Park Counsel Suminski for his promotion to Lieutenant.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Schleicher moved to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2011, regular Park Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Cass-Schmidt and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

## CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Judith Schleicher, Chairman

### **Horticultural and Natural Resources Management**

Superintendent of Natural Resources Management Kovacevic made a presentation on the draft Meadow Management Plan prepared for the West, South, and North Park Maintenance areas. These plans will support the preservation of habitats and native plants, as well as maintaining the aesthetics of the meadows.

The north plan includes the Tourne County Park and the Kincaid fields of Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area. The south plan includes Central Park of Morris County, Loantaka Brook Reservation, and the Passaic River County Park. The west plan includes Schooley's Mountain County Park, Mt. Paul Memorial County Park, and Hedden County Park.

Superintendent Kovacevic reported that the 2012 plans for prescribed burns being performed through the New Jersey Forest Fire Service have been completed. Prescribed burning was unable to take place in 2011 due to weather conditions. She noted that Scott Mortensen, District Fire Warden, 5D10, New Jersey Forest Fire Service, advised that burning could begin in a couple of weeks, which is earlier than the burns conducted in 2010; in that year the burns took place in April. The burns this year will be conducted in 17 acres of fields at the Elizabeth D. Kay Environmental Center, 21 acres of fields at the Willowwood Arboretum, 4 acres of fields in Washington Valley, 12 acres of forest at the Kay Center, and 62 acres of forest at Lewis Morris County Park.

### **Historic Sites**

Director of Historic Sites Texel updated the Commission on the restoration of the main barn at Fosterfields Living Historical Farm. Bids were opened on December 13, 2011, and Precision Building and Construction was awarded the bid.

The entire upper part of the barn will be dismantled and rebuilt, and missing elements will be added. The main barn is the largest historic structure the Park Commission has restored – at 4,625 square feet. The Factory building at Historic Speedwell was 3,662 square feet.

The lower part of the main barn was most likely built in the 1840s, and Charles Foster added to it in the 1880s. Caroline Foster took down the top of the barn and had it rebuilt in 1927-1928.

Salvaged timbers and other materials from the barn will be used. The exterior of the barn, once rebuilt, will have a roof pitch that will match that of the Carriage House, windows at the back that will match the placement of the original windows, and there will be a different cupola. In the interior, many of the installments made in the 1980s will be removed, opening up the barn for more program space and for hay storage, etc. This project will be incorporated into the public programming in July or August with a barn-raising. In addition to the restoration components of the project, the barn roof will be engineered to handle snow loads and high winds.

At a future date, the ensilage pits and an attached corncrib will be rebuilt and a cover added. The middle pit will be used for silage production, experimentation, demonstration, etc. There will be exhibits in the other two pits.

During the rehabilitation of the barn, provisions have been made to house the horses in a temporary shelter, built for this reason, and the cows will occupy the existing three-sided barn. The anticipated date of completion is at the end of November 2012, with the project beginning in mid-to late-February 2012.

#### PROMOTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Helen M. Wronski, Chairman

#### **Recreation**

Executive Director Helmer introduced Mr. Andrew Sinclair, who along with 12 other experienced climbers have been conducting a series of test climbs at the Craigmear Recreation Area and the Merner tract for rock climbing at Hawk's Cliff on the Green Pond Mountain (Attachment No. 1). He said that the climbers also participated in a survey. The climbers include professional mountain guides from Alpine Endeavors and REI Inc.; the owners of two local rock-climbing gyms; members of the Gunk's Climbers Coalition in New Paltz, New York; and members of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Mr. Sinclair opined that Green Pond Mountain has some of the most beautiful vistas anywhere in the state, and it is the professional opinion of most of the climber's that Green Pond Mountain could be a major rock-climbing destination in the area. Mr. Sinclair noted that there is evidence of climbers having been on these cliffs as far back as the 1940s.

Mr. Sinclair said that his interest in creating a climbing area at Craigmear stems from the increasing popularity of rock climbing and the lack of climbing areas in New Jersey.

He read some direct quotes from the surveys. One of the climbers noted that "Green Pond's high-quality rock is very similar to the kind of very stable rock that draws climbers to the Mohonk Preserve in New York."

Mr. Sinclair noted that the access and parking at Craigmear is excellent. He said climbers would pay to camp overnight given the excellent views. Professional guides are eager to bring their

clients to Craigmear as soon as is allowable. It is his suggestion that these climbers should be the only ones allowed on the cliffs at this time, until the cliffs and surrounding trails have been further developed or established.

He reported that the climbers have been exploring corporate partnerships. Mountain Creek expressed an interest in marketing Green Pond Mountain rock climbing to their weekend resort customers. REI Inc. is very interested in running regular programs at Green Pond Mountain for various levels of climbing classes, and is willing to donate time and materials for trail improvements and maintenance in order to make it permanent.

Mr. Sinclair asked that the Commission approve the climbers request to continue to climb over the course of 2012.

The question of insurance was raised, and Mr. Sinclair responded that he has spent a considerable amount of time with Morris County Risk Management. He said that he had assured them that the professional guides have three times more insurance coverage than is recommended by the National Park Service. The Park Commission would be named as an insured on the professional mountain guide's policy.

There was further discussion about emergency access points and search and rescue.

Mr. Sinclair is suggesting an additional 12 months of project development. The endeavor will be further discussed at future Promotion and Business Activities Committee meetings.

### **Mennen Sports Arena**

Director of Recreation Fauci announced that Skate School Director Palawasta was able to secure Olympic gold-medalist ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi for a book-signing appearance at the Mennen Sports Arena on Sunday, March 4, 2012, from 5 to 7 p.m. Ms. Yamaguchi wrote a children's book in 2011 titled *Dream Big, Little Pig!* Approximately 300 books can be signed in that time period, and there is no charge for an autograph, but a book must be purchased.

### **Marketing and Communications**

Executive Director Helmer noted that Coordinator Wnek would be making a presentation on an initiative relating to marketing the Park Commission facilities.

Coordinator Wnek began by explaining that 'branding' is the single most important message that allows your prospects/visitors to see you as the only one that can provide them with a service or product they want. The message has to be delivered clearly and succinctly to varying age groups, interests, ethnicities, economic backgrounds, etc.; it has to confirm the Park Commission's credibility. Most decisions are made from a price-point perspective as well as from emotional appeal. Successful branding has to be integrated throughout the entire organization.

Coordinator Wnek presented the new design for the Morris County Park Commission logo and tag line, which should not only appeal to the different age groups, interests, economic backgrounds, and ethnicities, but be easily identified by the public as representing the Morris County Park Commission (Attachment No. 2). The background image of the logo is a representation of Patriots' Path/trails, a golf course cart path, a path through a horticultural site, etc. The tag line is "Enjoy the Experience" – no matter which of the park facilities you are visiting. The current logo was created in 1997.

Commissioner Schleicher moved to accept the report of the Promotion and Business Activities Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Santiago and unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### RECREATIONAL TRAILS AND PARK MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Barbara Shepard, Chairman

Director of Park Maintenance Vath reported that with the consolidation of the Park Maintenance facilities into Hedden County Park, Lewis Morris County Park, and Tourne County Park, the locations where maintenance staff report for snow removal needs to be changed, reflecting the consolidation.

In a continuing effort to reduce and eliminate as much overtime as can be achieved and being more productive, a plan was developed for plowing the parks in the system. The snow plowing of the Cultural Center is responsible for the most overtime, because the Park Police are headquartered there and the facility has to remain open. The Traction Line has to be maintained as if it were a roadway because DOT funding was used to build it. Regarding Park Commission rental residences, the resident will be responsible for snow removal for snow up to a depth of 6 inches. Parking lots at a number of facilities will not be plowed during regular hours, and will remain closed to public access.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Helmer referred to the Summary of Acreage Year-end Recreation and Open Space Inventory totals. The Park Commission is now steward to 18,686 acres (Attachment No. 3).

He asked that the Commissioners review their Committee assignments and the dates of the Committee meetings, which he supplied.

At the December 2011 Park Commission meeting, Commissioner Sette was once again nominated and elected President and Commissioner Cass-Schmidt, Vice President; and Commissioner Shepard will serve on the Executive Committee.

The Tubbs Trust donated \$15,599.00 during 2011 for horticultural activities at Willowood Arboretum.

The Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. donated \$1,000.00 to the trails program for the good work the Park Commission does in the Columbia Gas distribution area.

In December 2011 a new gift card program was introduced. Gift cards for golf and gift cards for use at the Mennen Sports Arena were and are available for purchase either online or at the Arena. The online purchases for golf gift cards totaled \$10,875.00 – 102 transactions, averaging \$50.00 a card. At the Arena, \$2,300.00 worth of golf gift cards were purchased – 39 transactions, and \$1,600.00 worth of cards were purchased for use at the Arena – 45 transactions, averaging \$20.00. The total dollar amount of all cards purchased was \$14,888.00. The gift cards will be available for purchase for other special dates and events.

Executive Director Helmer reported that the Buildings and Construction crew is constructing a golf exhibit to be located at the Mennen Sports Arena that incorporates an actual old-style wood golfers locker. The inside of the locker is Plexiglas through which you can see a golf hat, set of clubs, some tees, etc.

Last year Union County hired the USDA to manage its Canada goose program. Executive Director Helmer said that he would like to host a formal Canada goose roundtable at the Haggerty Education Center, to include municipal administrators in Morris County.

He noted that invitations were received from Preservation New Jersey, a membership-based organization, which is acknowledging the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund program with a benefit event – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bretton Woods Manor.

Executive Director Helmer reported that the Morristown National Historic Park is moving forward with its Deer Control and Vegetative Management Control Planning document. He said the Park Commission has supported its past endeavors with Resolutions, and asks that support be given once again. Commissioner Schleicher moved to support the National Park Service's endeavor. The motion was seconded by Vice President Cass-Schmidt and approved by voice vote.

He announced that camping at Mahlon Dickerson Reservation during December, January, and February has been eliminated in an attempt to keep operating expenses down.

Ice skating and ice fishing will not be allowed at Hedden County Park, Schooley's Mountain County Park, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, and Silas Condict County Park. The only allowable outdoor ice skating will be on Sunrise Lake at Lewis Morris County Park and at the in-line rinks at Central Park of Morris County.

Vice President Cass-Schmidt moved to accept the Report of the Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schleicher and unanimously approved by voice vote. President Sette said that on behalf of the Commissioners he would like to thank Executive Director Helmer and his staff for doing a wonderful job in 2011, throughout this difficult year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Cass-Schmidt moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-12 (Attachment No. 4) placing the Commission meeting into Executive Session pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5), (6), (7) and (8), the pertinent provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shepard and unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Stuart Lasser, Chairman

Deputy Executive Director Hugaboom reported that PBA 264 had ratified the Memorandum of Agreement.

REPORT OF COUNSEL

Counsel Suminski provided a brief update on various legal matters related to a land acquisition and administrative rehabilitation project.

Vice President Cass-Schmidt moved to accept the Report of Counsel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lasser and unanimously approved by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The items discussed in closed session will be printed as part of the minutes.

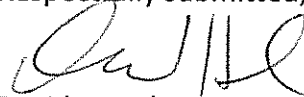
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Schleicher moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-12 (Attachment No. 5), which includes Resolution No. 3-12 through Resolution No. 7-12 (Attachment No. 6 through No. 10). The motion was seconded by Vice President Cass-Schmidt and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Sette adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m. on the motion of Vice President Cass-Schmidt and was seconded by Commissioner Schleicher and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David D. Helmer

Executive Director



Valerie Coleman-Moore

Administrative Coordinator



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Morris County Parks Commission

From: Andrew V. Sinclair and John Anderson

Date: January 10, 2012

**Re: *Green Pond Rock Climbing Survey***

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Thank you for the opportunity to partner with the Morris County Parks Commission to explore a rock climbing concession on Green Pond Mountain operated from Craigmear Recreation Complex.

**OVERVIEW**

We started with the premise that while rock climbing is exploding in popularity there are very few quality outdoor climbing areas in the state. As a result, climbers tend ignore New Jersey and flock to areas such as Ralph Stover State Park in Pennsylvania and Mohonk Preserve in New York.

We believe that Green Pond has the potential to be a significant rock climbing destination as well as a revenue raiser for Morris County. Working closely with the Parks Commission staff, we commenced a formal evaluation this past October.

**SURVEY**

Twelve climbers participated in a series of test climbs. Participants included professional mountain guides from Alpine Endeavors and Recreation Equipment Incorporated, the owners of Rockville Climbing Center and Randolph Climbing Center as well as leaders of the Gunks Climbers Coalition and members of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

To keep participants oriented safely on Green Pond Mountain a photo guide was produced and distributed in advance. In addition, we blazed a temporary trail connecting Craigmear to the base of the cliffs for an added measure of safety. An under cliff trail linking with the Four Birds Trail on the cliff top was also marked to form a complete circuit. This trail system was designed to facilitate search and rescue access in the event of an emergency.

Participants made the following observations:

- Green Pond's attractive wilderness setting is unique among New Jersey climbing areas.
- Green Pond is a rare opportunity to establish a new route.
- Green Pond's high quality rock rivals the famed Mohonk Reserve in New York.
- Access and parking at Craigmear Recreation Complex are excellent.

- Climbers would pay to camp at Craigmour given the excellent vistas.
- The temporary trail should be improved with boardwalk in some locations.
- Further survey is needed to continue identifying new routes and improve safety.
- Professional guides would pay a fee up to \$25 to bring clients to Green Pond.
- Green Pond is not appropriate for novice climbers or large groups at this time.
- Green Pond should not be open to the general public for climbing at this time.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Based on the participants' feedback we strongly recommend continuing the evaluation. In addition, we respectfully request that professional mountain guides be permitted to bring paying clients to Green Pond during 2012. The climber-to-guide ratio would be limited to no more than 3:1. We recommend that the Morris County Park Commission charge a Daily Entrance Fee of \$25 per climber. By the end of 2012, we will be able to better determine the viability of a rock climbing concession at Green Pond.

We will also continue to explore corporate partnerships. Mountain Creek has expressed an interest in marketing Green Pond rock climbing to their weekend resort customers. In addition, REI – East Hanover has offered to donate time and material to substantially improve the access trail. Eventually, REI would like to offer regular climbing programs at Green Pond.

In closing, thank you again for the opportunity.

*enjoy the  
experience*

**morris county park commission**

<b>Morris County Park Commission</b>		
<b>Summary of Acreage Report-2011</b>		
<b>Recreation and Open Space Inventory</b>		
<b>Managed Land w/ 25+ year Agreements</b>		
<b>Patriots' Path Trail Easements</b>		
<b>Conservation Easements</b>		
	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>2011 Acquisitions (included in total acres)</b>
Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center	670.88	
Berkshire Valley Golf Course	528.55	
Black River Park(Elizabeth D. Kay Environmental Center)	857.81	
Central Park of MC	299.27	
Columbia Trail	100.40	
Cooper Mill	14.00	
Craigmeur Recreation Area	69.55	
Flanders Valley Golf Course	411.43	
Fosterfields Living Historical Farm	213.40	
ETEP Realty		1.00
Frelinghuysen Arboretum	127.48	
Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center	43.60	
Hedden County Park	389.42	
Historic Speedwell	8.22	
James Andrews Memorial County Park	588.89	
Johnathans Woods	555.97	
Kern III		31.00
Lee's County Park Marina	12.82	
Lewis Morris County Park	2,195.80	
Loantaka Brook Reservation	744.38	
Mahlon Dickerson Reservation	3,346.07	
Minnisink Reservation	329.24	
Mount Hope Historical County Park	479.22	
Mount Olive-Old VoTech Property	26.46	
Mount Paul Memorial County Park	285.72	
Old Troy County Park	153.01	
Passaic River County Park	822.59	
Patriots' Path	256.74	
NJCF-Hanover Twp.		6.50
Pinch Brook Golf Course	102.23	
Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area	1,487.42	
Ellinwood/Johanson		61.00
Schooley's Mountain County Park	790.73	
Silas Condict County Park	1,498.76	
Weber		60.00
Sunset Valley Golf Course	168.57	
Tourne County Park	565.56	
Traction Line Recreation Trail	14.04	

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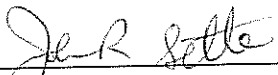
MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 01-12


**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morris County Park Commission on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this regular meeting of the Morris County Park Commission, which regular meeting has been opened to the public, the Morris County Park Commission shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss personnel matters, land acquisition, and report of counsel, as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5), (6), (7), and (8), the pertinent provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act."
2. The time when the matters discussed pursuant to paragraph #1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after the final resolution of the aforesaid matters.

January 10, 2012

MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John R. Sette  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_, I, David D. Helmer, Executive Director of the Morris County Park Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Morris County Park Commission at a meeting held on January 10, 2012, at the Park Commission offices, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 02-12

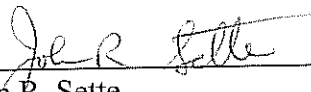
**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morris County Park Commission on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, that the following resolutions be adopted in the form attached:


Resolution Nos.

Resolution No. 03-12 through Resolution No. 07-12

January 10, 2012

MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

  
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President

  
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MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 03-12


WHEREAS, the Morris County Park Commission is required to comply with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. the Open Public Meetings Act, **NOW THEREFORE**

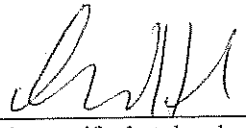
**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morris County Park Commission on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012 as follows:

1. During the coming year, the regular meetings of the Morris County Park Commission shall be held at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on the fourth Monday of each month, except in the months of May, August, and December, unless otherwise designated herein. There shall be no regularly-scheduled meeting in August, and the December 2012 meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Workshop meetings are convened quarterly at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. The established meeting dates are as follows: January 23, 2012, February 27, 2012, March 26, 2012, April 10, 2012 (Workshop), April 23, 2012, May 21, 2012, June 25, 2012, July 10, 2012 (Workshop), July 23, 2012, September 24, 2012, October 9, 2012 (Workshop), October 22, 2012, November 26, 2012, December 17, 2012, January 8, 2013 (Workshop), and January 28, 2013.
2. All said, regular and special meetings at which formal action may be taken, will take place at the Morris County Park Commission Administration Building, at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey, unless otherwise advertised pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.
3. At any of the above-scheduled meetings where an agenda is to be used, said agenda shall be furnished to all persons in attendance at the meeting.
4. All persons are invited to attend all of the meetings here before set forth.
5. The Morris County Park Commission may convene an Executive Session during conference, regular, or special meetings, as allowed by the Open Public Meetings Act, from which Executive Session the public shall be excluded.
6. The Executive Director is directed to prominently post and maintain posted throughout the year upon the bulletin board in the Morris County Park Commission Administration Building at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, a certified copy of this Resolution. In addition, the Executive Director is directed to mail forthwith a certified copy of this Resolution for publication in the designated official newspapers as follows:
  - A. *Daily Record*
  - B. *The Star-Ledger*
7. This Resolution is being adopted in order to comply with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the "Open Public Meetings Act."
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

January 10, 2012

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MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 04 -12


**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission has deemed it appropriate and in the public interest to employ a fully empowered Park Police force as authorized by statute, and

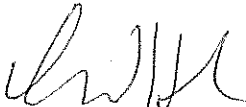
**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public safety adequate Park Police staffing levels should be maintained with certified Police Officers, **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the employment of John Whitney Burk a certified graduate of the Somerset County Police Academy to fill a vacant Park Police Officer position, is formally confirmed and his qualification with a department issued firearm acknowledged, **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this employment Resolution be provided to the Somerset County Police Academy.

January 10, 2012

  
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President

  
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MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 05 -12


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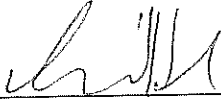
**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public safety adequate Park Police staffing levels should be maintained with certified Police Officers, **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the employment of Christopher Cole a certified graduate of the Essex County Police Academy to fill a vacant Park Police Officer position, is formally confirmed and his qualification with a department issued firearm acknowledged, **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this employment Resolution be provided to the Essex County Police Academy.

January 10, 2012

  
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MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 06-12

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission deems it advisable to preserve open space contiguous to the existing Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area, located in the Townships of Boonton and Montville, and the Borough of Kinnelon, County of Morris, New Jersey, and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission deems it advisable and in the public interest to acquire the said 14K Properties, LLC (2.08 acres), Block 3, Lot 41.02, in the Township of Montville, County of Morris, New Jersey, and retain fee simple title as a continuation toward that purpose, and

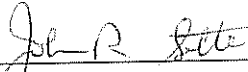
**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined, based upon an appraisal of the property, that the fair market value of said lands is \$ 337,500.00, and

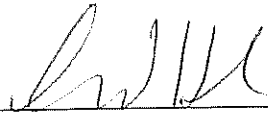
**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission's Land Acquisition Committee recommends approving and executing purchase of said property and the payment by the Morris County Park Commission of \$337,500.00 from its portion of the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund toward the purchase, **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morris County Park Commission on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, and

1. That the payment not exceeding \$337,500.00 plus certain soft costs towards the \$337,500.00 purchase price to acquire the said 14K Properties, LLC (2.08 acres), Block 3, Lot 41.02, Township of Montville, County of Morris, New Jersey is hereby authorized and approved.
2. That this property be purchased through funding available from the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.
3. That the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary to effectuate the payment of said \$337,500.00 plus certain soft costs for this acquisition.
4. That this Resolution take effect immediately.

January 10, 2012

  
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John R. Sette  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_, I, David D. Helmer, Executive Director of the Morris County Park Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Morris County Park Commission at a meeting held on January 10, 2012, at the Park Commission offices, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

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**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission desires to purchase the said property located at the existing Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area, Montville, and the Borough of Kinnelon, County of Morris, New Jersey, and retain for the same purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission desires to purchase the said Richard Patierno Trust Property (2.755+/- acres) located at Montville, County of Morris, New Jersey, and retain for the same purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined, based upon the current market value of said lands is \$337,500.00, and

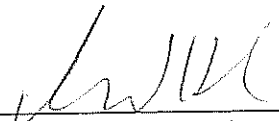
**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Park Commission's Board of Commissioners is hereby approving and executing purchase of said property and the Commission of \$337,500.00 from its portion of the Morris County Park Fund purchase, **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morris County Park Commission:

1. That the payment not exceeding \$ 337,500.00 purchase price to acquire the said Richard Patierno Trust Property located at Montville, Township of Montville, County of Morris, New Jersey, and
2. That this property be purchased through funds from the Morris County Park and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.
3. That the Executive Director, or his designee, be authorized to execute all necessary documents necessary to effectuate the payment of said \$337,500.00 acquisition.
4. That this Resolution take effect immediately.

January 10, 2012

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John  
Pres

  
\_\_\_\_\_, I, David D. Helmer, Executive Director of the Morris County Park Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Morris County Park Commission at a meeting held on January 10, 2012 at 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.