

**Minutes
Niagara River Greenway
State Park Standing Committee 20th Meeting
February 4, 2020 – 11:00 AM
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 11:00 am. Lou Paonessa moved to have the minutes from the January 25, 2019 meeting approved; Mark Mistretta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Item

None.

Funding Request

The following project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan as determined by the Niagara River Greenway Commission:

Niagara Falls State Park –

- Programming Study for Updates to Visitor Center
- Design Alternatives for Visitor Center

TOTAL PROJECT COST.....\$240,000.00

NYS Parks Capital Facilities Manager John Honan presented two components of the early design stages of the Niagara Falls State Park Visitors Center. NYS Parks will work with TY-Lin and GWWO, a design firm whose practice specializes in visitor experience. Goals of the Study and Design are to envision a facility to act as a gateway to the region as a whole as well as a hub along the Niagara Greenway. The programming and conceptual design are anticipated to be complete by May 2020, with construction expected January 1, 2022. The project was found consistent with the Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission at its meeting on January 14, 2020.

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

Lou Paonessa – approve Mark Mistretta – approve

In efforts to follow state branding guidelines, Lou Paonessa reported the relicensing page is now listed under the New York Power Authority website www.nypa.gov or it can also be accessed via a link that will be forwarded when available.

An accounting report of remaining available 2020 funding will be presented at the next Niagara River Greenway State Park Standing Committee and will also be a component of a Standing Committee presentation to the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

Next Meeting

Designated 2020 meeting dates dependent on action items and/or project needs:

- Wednesday, March 25, 2020 - 11:00 am – NFSP Welch Conference Room
- Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – 11:00 am – NFSP Welch Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 23, 2020 – 11:00 am – NFSP Welch Conference Room

Adjournment

Lou Paonessa motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Mistretta. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.