

Park plan down but not out

I am writing to update the many parents and young people who have requested that Smithtown provide a safe place for them to skateboard.

On July 14, 2009, I introduced a resolution to start an account to fund a skateboard park in Smithtown. While I am of course disappointed that the supervisor voted "no," and my colleagues abstained on the skateboard park fund, I will provide them with the information they require by the next board meeting where hopefully we can make this happen for you.

Other issues before the board must also be resolved as soon as possible. Between now and then, it is imperative that the board focuses on the estimated \$400,000-plus that we must pay for the removal of a decade's worth of street sweepings at our Montclair site, and on the \$500,000 that we are spending for leachate removal each year from the cell 6 landfill site, which is still uncapped.

The monies that I have been trying to reallocate to a skateboard park are small in comparison and will wait until the next board meeting. Smithtown could have had many skateboard parks with the monies wasted on those matters. The skateboarders and their families should know that I will continue to work on their behalf and never allow politics to interfere with the goal.

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