Councilwoman Kepert and Supervisor Lesko Announce New Yaphank Park to be Dedicated in Memory of Firefighter Howie Carpluk
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Farmingville, NY - At the March 8 Town Board meeting, the Town Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution sponsored by Councilwoman Connie Kepert to construct and dedicate a new Town park in memory of Howie Carpluk, a New York City firefighter who was killed in the line of duty. Mr. Carpluk was a resident of Yaphank who made the ultimate sacrifice, losing his life in a Bronx store fire in August of 2006. The parkland, which is located on the corner of Gerrard Road and Yaphank Avenue, was purchased with and will be constructed using Caithness Community Benefit Funds allocated to the South Yaphank Civic Association.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to honor Firefighter Carpluk," said Councilwoman Kepert. "This new park will be here for everyone to enjoy while at the same time offering family and friends a place to reflect on his life and the heroic sacrifice that he made."

Supervisor Mark Lesko added, "It is an honor to pay homage to such a brave man. Firefighter Carpluk's life was dedicated to saving lives and he served as a role model to the people who knew him. He is the perfect example of what a real American hero is and this new park will be a fitting tribute."