



News From

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Monroe County Executive

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STATEMENT FROM MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHERYL DINOLFO

Re: Zoo Director Larry Sorel to retire; Parks Director Larry Staub to assume duties of Zoo Director through completion of ongoing Zoo renovation project

After a dedicated 21 year career with the Seneca Park Zoo, Zoo Director **Larry Sorel** will be retiring from his employment with Monroe County on Friday, April 27th.

To ensure the continued good operation of the Zoo through the completion of the ongoing Zoo renovation project, Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** has asked current Monroe County Parks Director **Larry Staub** to simultaneously assume the duties of Zoo Director, effective April 28, 2018.

Dinolfo issued the following statement:

"On behalf of residents and families across our community, I thank Larry Sorel for his dedicated service to our Zoo for the past two decades. From adding exciting new features like our 'Step into Africa' exhibit, to bringing beloved new animals like our snow leopards, to launching our ongoing, transformational expansion project at the Zoo, Larry has made an indelible mark on the institution he loved and served well for so long. I know that Larry has some exciting plans for his retirement years and I wish him all the best moving forward.

In the meantime, I have full confidence that Parks Director Larry Staub has the ability, experience and expertise needed to see our Zoo through this critical phase in its history. Our ongoing Zoo expansion project is a \$13.5 million investment that will support more than 200 jobs during the construction period and, when completed, will help us attract even more visitors and jobs to our community in the years to come. I thank Larry for his commitment to Monroe County and for assuming this significant responsibility."

In assuming the dual roles of Parks Director and Zoo Director through the completion of the Zoo renovation project, **Staub** will not receive an increase in compensation.

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