

COMMUNITY BOARD #3

655 Rossville Avenue
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309

Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes

October 13, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Donohue, Chairman
Gerald Amerosi
Frank DeRosa
Sherif Farag
Patricia Maresca
John Tanzi

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phyllis Catania
Thomas Zablocki

Amundsen Trail Bike Path:

The Richmond Town and Clark Avenue Civic Association sent a letter to Mayor Michael Bloomberg encouraging the use of the mapped roadway which traverses the Greenbelt as a trail bike path. The roadway is the continuance of the Willowbrook Parkway and Richmond Parkway terminating at the intersection of Hylan Boulevard and Great Kills Park. The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation "PARKS" has labeled it "Amundsen Trail."

The NYC "PARKS" along with the Director of State Legislative Affairs supports the transferring of the property to the NYC "PARKS". According to the letter of support, the NYC "PARKS" and Director of State Legislative Affairs indicate that both Community Board Two and Three support the property transfer. However, that was an inaccurate interpretation of the position of the Community Boards. Moreover, together the Boards support the idea of bike paths but do not want it at the expense of Staten Island infrastructure.

MOTION: by Patricia Maresca that "Community Board #3 send a letter to New York State and City elected officials for the reason that Community Board #3 does not want any mapped land set aside for roadways sold or transferred unless a suitable alternative route is found".

SECOND: John Tanzi

VOTE: 6-0-0

MOTION PASSED

Great Kills Veterans Playground (P.S.8):

The NYC "PARKS" maintains the playground under the Joint Owned Playground program. Recently they have repaved the basketball courts at the Great Kills Veterans Playground adjacent to P.S. 8 on Lindenwood Road.

Greencroft Playground (P.S. 53):

At the Greencroft Playground on Durant Avenue, numerous events of vandalism and loitering from youths have been reported. The NYC "PARKS" reported the incidents to the NYC Police Department along with the Park Enforcement Patrol.

Conference House Park:

The NYC "PARKS" is in the process of installing a chain link security fence around the base of the perimeter.

Beach Cleaning Equipment:

The NYC "PARKS" received a grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 from Councilman Vincent Ignizio. With this, the NYC "PARKS" has purchased three Cherrington Beach Cleaning machines for the use at Conference House Park, Wolf's Pond Park and Crescent Beach/Seaside Nature Park. The grant also made it feasible to purchase two Bob Cats machines that contain front end grapple hooks. These machines will expedite the removal of large beach debris.

Respectfully submitted,

John Donohue
Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee