

## **COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

655 Rossville Avenue  
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309

### **Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes**

May 12, 2009

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Donohue, Chairman  
Gerald Amerosi  
Phyllis Catania  
Frank DeRosa  
Sherif Farag  
Patricia Maresca  
John Tanzi  
Thomas Zablocki

#### **GUESTS:**

Tony Arcamone, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
Mike Browne, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation – Parks Capital  
Lisa Killips, Wolfe’s Pond Parks Dog Run  
Ed MacPherson, Wolfe’s Pond Parks Dog Run  
Mike Ferioli, Wolfe’s Pond Parks Dog Run  
Lucille D. Wino, Rathbun Ave.  
Jennifer Abato, Sharon Lane  
Dan Quinn, Rensselaer Ave  
Gary Stoltzenberg, Burchard Court  
Jacqueline Quinn, Rensselaer Avenue

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#### **CRESCENT BEACH PARK:**

Michael Browne, New York City Parks & Recreation Department, Design & Construction, gave a presentation revealing the layout and plans for “Crescent Beach Park.” A question and answer session followed this in depth presentation. Due to the terrain, indigenous vegetation and wetlands within Crescent Beach Park’s footprint, it was determined that the park would primarily be a passive park with some active areas included. Wooden walkways will be installed to transverse the wetlands. The park’s open space design should reduce the possibility of this park becoming a neighborhood youth hangout. The design is similar to New Dorp Lane and Cedar Grove Avenue park in that they have open sight lines to the beach. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is reluctant to approve reconstruction of the crucial bulkhead, as they consider the seawall to be a habitat for marine life and believe it should not be disturbed.

As indicated in Community Board #3’s Parks & Recreation Committee report in February, Councilman Vincent Ignizio committed \$1,600,000.00 for this 40.731 acre project and Community board #3 conditionally approved the concept upon presentation of the plans.

A **MOTION** was made by Phyllis Catania to “send a letter to Borough Commissioner Thomas Paulo, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation declaring Community Board #3’s approval of the plans for the design and construction of “Crescent Beach Park” as presented at this meeting.”

**SECOND:** Patricia Maresca

**VOTE:** 8-0-0 Motion Passed

**WOLF’S POND PARK, DOG RUN:**

Anthony Arcamone, District Supervisor – NYC Department of Parks & Recreation informed the committee and guests that the Dog Run located in Wolf’s Pond Park will be receiving regular deliveries of wood chips in order maintain and resurface the area of the run. Also, an entrance gate between the small and large dog runs will be erected. A picnic table and a sanitary receptacle have been placed at the entrance trail. The Citizen Group indicated that they would maintain the entrance way and resurface the area themselves.

**WOLF’S POND PARK, POND BREACH:**

Anthony Arcamone, District Supervisor – NYC Department of Parks & Recreation reported that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has performed a chemical test to determine the actual cause of the seepage onto the beach at Wolfe’s Pond Park. The results concluded the seeping water is chlorinated, therefore the source is not originating from the pond. It is possible that the seepage is caused by an old broken water line, however the exact location of the break has not been determined.

On May 21, 2009, the site was revisited and the seepage problem has been taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,

John Donohue  
Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee