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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes March 29, 2018 7:30 PM

Present: K. Lynch, T. Accomando, R. Bieder, T. Franklin, I. Guanill-Elukowich, D. Krynicki
Guests: M. Johnson – NYC Parks Dept., D. Ruffin, H. Hung, M. Anderson – NYC Parks Dept., S. Halpern, M. Ortiz – NYC Parks Dept., G. Frindt – NYC Parks Dept., I. Otto, B. Anderson

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a presentation given by the Parks and Recreation Capital Project unit. Funds were allocated by city council for \$550,000 for a playground for all children and a sensory garden. The park will be for all kids to explore and interact with nature. The plans include extending the landscaping and gardening for kids with help from employees from botanical garden. A request to send a letter of support was passed unanimously.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter be prepared and sent to the Bronx Borough Commissioner in support of the playground for all children and a sensory garden in Pelham Bay Park and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The Ferry Point Park East project is going through even with CB10 voting it down. The Parks Department is using \$16,000,000 to complete the park behind Trump Links. The design is complete; waiting for permits and construction should start in a year. Committee approved the creation of sending a letter to be sent to Council Member.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a letter requesting funding for the repair of Pelham Bay Park fields numbers 4 and 5 be prepared and sent to Council Member Mark Gjonaj and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

Pelham Bay Park fields 4 and 5 are in deplorable condition! The committee is looking to make this issue a capital project for fiscal year 2019. The fields need drainage it is a health and safety issue between mosquitos breeding West Nile and the traction could injure players on the field.

Mr. Bieder attended the Bronx Parks Speak Up meeting. The organization is looking for non-profit volunteers.

The Parks Department representative led a discussion on obtaining city funds: it could be better allocated in bulk through multiple community boards. For example, \$10,000,000 for maintenance to Bronx Parks that could then be distributed between the boards accordingly.

Bronx is Blooming is another volunteer in parks program not currently in our community. They will be on the agenda for the next meeting.