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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Community Board 11 Office

MINUTES

PRESENT: Patricia Charles, Chair; Edith Blitzer; Debra Kawalick; John Musto; Lisa Soto; Dominick Schiano; and Janice Walcott.

EXCUSED: Joseph Menta.

ABSENT: Jacob Rosado.

GUESTS: Marlisa Wise, Senior Architect CWS DPP; Commissioner Iris Rodriguez, Valerie Davis O'Neal, and Matt Doiron, NYC Parks Department; Roxanne Delgado, Friends of Pelham Parkway; and Diane Finch, Bronx Park East Community Association.

Everyone introduced themselves.

List of Parks properties in CB11 (Community Board 11) was distributed.

1. Zimmerman Playground – Funding has been allocated, but not enough to do all the work that is needed: demolition of Parks building and install comfort stations. Discussion on having comfort stations and having them manned by a Parks employee during the summer. Cheaper to knock it down, but presently no budget for demolition. Prototypes of comfort stations are being looked into, if plumbing and electrical are still viable. Use of trailer comfort stations was discussed. Need to look at cost and options. Cost figures are needed before committee can make a presentation to elected officials for money. It was stated that it may take at least a month to get the figures. Important that there be staffing in the comfort station.
2. Ben Abrams Playground – Comfort station needs to be attended to. Gate is needed for the play area to close it at night. Fencing around the park needs upgrading.
3. Tree guard for tree on Holland Avenue. Elected officials can put money in, and Parks can allocate as needed.
4. Loreto Playground – Start date in March. Discussion on the flipping of the design of the ball field. Suggestions for extending the netting.
5. Park House – Marlisa spoke about the park house and the work that will be done. Slides were shown. A letter of support from the board is needed.

Motion by Edith Blitzler, seconded by Dominick Schiano – That CB11 send a letter of support for the reconstruction of the Park House. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

6. Old Business

Committee will visit parks and divide the work to be done.

7. New Business

Roxanne announced rally on March 13 at City Hall 9 AM more money for funding for parks maintenance. 10a.m. hearing.

Diane Finch asked about the basketball courts at Waring Playground.

Money was allocated, but a date to start the work has not been set.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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