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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer __ Leury's Acosta ✓ Betty Arce __ Tasha Andrews ✓ Daisy Perry ✓ Gwendolyn Thomas Steed
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Committee Attendance: Betty Arce, Daisy Perry, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed, Barbara Stronczer
Absent: Leury's Acosta, Tasha Andrews**

- II. The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. They were approved by a motion from Betty Arce, which was seconded by Gwendolyn Thomas Steed.**

- III. Frisch Field: Mike Ortiz, Paul Ruhe, and Tara Valente presented the plans for the rehabilitation of Frisch Field. The field has landmark status and will be developed for both baseball and tee ball. Three pieces of exercise equipment will be installed along the outfield fence. Several benches will also be installed near the tee ball area. Much work on drainage will be needed. The field will be re-sodded and new signage will be installed. The area will also be ADA accessible. Several new trees will be planted along the fence line. Work will also be done on the chain link fence surrounding the field. Final design is expected in March. Procurement will take about 9 months with construction averaging about one year.**

Motion I: The Parks' Committee approves the design work for the rehabilitation of Frisch Field.

The motion was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Gwendolyn Thomas Steed. The motion passed with 3 in favor and one member opposed.



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IV. Support Letter for the Rehabilitation of PS 8 Playground: Elizabeth Quaranta from the Friends of Mosholu Parkland discussed the need for the renovation of the playground. The school and the public jointly use the playground. Work is needed on the cement walls around the playground and new equipment is also wanted for the park. The installation of some greenery is also being requested.

Motion II: A letter supporting the rehabilitation of PS 8 Playground be sent to Bronx Parks' Commissioner Iris Rodriguez and Councilman Dinowitz. The motion was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Daisy Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Summer Issues: The tent at Devoe Park was removed. Joe Magneri addressed the following:

A. Homeless issues still exist at Poe Park. Although the Parks' Dept. has tried to get help, there is little that can be done legally, if individuals refuse help.

B. Issues with grass cutting on Mosholu Parkway still remain. The task was given to the landscaping/gardening crew in the district. Hopefully, the system will be adjusted for next spring.

C. Local residents still have complaints about the misuse of the Corral. Many residents are using the area to dump household garbage and furniture.

D. Complaints regarding the condition of Aqueduct Walk were also addressed.

E. The signage at the Mosholu WWI Monument needs to be replaced due to storm damage.

F. Flooding is still a problem at the Skate Park in Williamsbridge Oval.

VI. Status of Existing Construction Projects:



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- A. Poe Cottage: A new Contractor is being sought. Parks' is working with the Historical Society.**
 - B. Mosholu Greenway Project: Sufficient funding is still not available.**
 - C. New Boiler for the Webster House: Joe Magneri, the manager promised to check on this longstanding project.**
- VII. New Budget Items for 2023: Tobie Buford made a request for the rehabilitation of Fordham Landing Park. Items submitted in the previous year will be re-submitted along with the requests from our June meeting.**
- VIII. The next meeting of the Parks' Committee will be held on Wed. Oct. 13th. It was suggested that a member of the Forestry Division attend this meeting.**
- IX. The meeting ended at 8:05 PM.**