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GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Members Present: Greg Faulkner, Barbara Stronczer

Members Absent: Margaret Mack, Cynthia O'Neal-Riley, Nora Feury, Helene Hartman, and Phyllis Reed

Guests: See attendance sheet.

- I. **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony:** The annual tree lightings ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 11th at 6:00PM on Bainbridge Ave. and Mosholu Parkway. The office staff will contact the schools regarding decorations. They are also seeking sponsors for the cost of the lights, refreshments, and the stage.
- II. **Williamsbridge Oval:** Anthony Bromell, Parks' Acting District Manager stated that the track and field at the Oval should be ready for use sometime in December. Currently, there is no funding for the rehabilitation of the perimeter fence. Cameras have been installed around the park house to prevent vandalism.
- III. **Aqueduct Walk:** Plans have still not been presented to the community board. Mr. Bromell agreed to check on why preliminary plans have not been presented. He was informed that community groups would like to discuss these plans before they are finalized. Mr. Bromell promised to get back to the board on this issue.
- IV. **Frisch Field Fence:** The temporary fence above the bleachers has been repaired. Parks' will install permanent fencing in the spring.
- V. **New Trees:** Mr. Bromell promised to forward a list of trees planted this season throughout the CB #7 area to the board.
- VI. **Filtration Plant Waste Pipe:** Concern regarding the route of the waste pipe from the filtration plant was expressed. The map shows the pipe route to be along Mosholu Parkway North from Bainbridge to Webster Avenues. The committee would like to know if this route will cause any damage to Mosholu Parkway. Greg Faulkner will raise this issue at the next filtration meeting.



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- VII. **Webster Avenue Comfort Station:** The comfort station on Webster Avenue and Mosholu Parkway was renovated several years ago. The community was told that staff was not available to open the station to the public. Currently, numerous baseball and football leagues use Frisch Field which is directly across the street from the station. Youngsters of all ages are forced to relieve themselves in the shrubs along the fence of Frisch Field while the bathrooms in the comfort station are unused.
- A. **MOTION 1:** THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO COMMISSIONER APONTE REQUESTING THAT DURING THE SPRING, SUMMER, AND FALL OF 2009, THE COMFORT STATION OPPOSITE FRISCH FIELD BE OPENED FOR USE BY THE BALLPLAYERS ON THE WEEKENDS.
- VIII. Bill Francis, a community activist, requested the installation of picnic tables at Van Cortlandt Park just south of the filtration plant. He expressed a need for more family activities along the Jerome Avenue area of the park. The installation of a volleyball area was also suggested. These issues will be addressed with Margot Perron, the park administrator.
- IX. **Gambling at Devoe Park:** The problem of weekend gambling at the recently renovated Devoe Park was discussed. Greg Faulkner suggested a letter be sent by the board to both the Deputy Inspector at the 52nd Precinct and the Parks Commissioner. Anthony Bromell promised to follow-up on this issue.
- A. **Motion 2:** THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO BOTH THE POLICE AND PARKS' DEPARTMENTS REQUESTING THEIR HELP IN CORRECTING THE GAMBLING SITUATION AT DEVOE PARK.
- X. **University Woods Park:** Anthony Bromell was asked to give some help to the group of volunteers who are currently working to rehab the park. The addition of spotlights at the northern end of the park was requested.
- XI. **No Barbecuing Signs:** Anthony Riviuccio requested signs for next season. Mr. Bromell promised to make sure that the Parks' Dept. prepares these signs for next season.

The meeting ended at 7:25PM.