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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

I. **Attendance:** See the sign-in sheet.

II. **Ice/Snow Removal:** Complaints were numerous regarding the lack of snow removal at several Parks' sites. These sites included:

- A. Aqueduct Walk on Kingsbridge Road and on Fordham Road
- B. Jerome Avenue at Mosholu Parkway
- C. Risse Street Park area
- D. The sidewalk along the outfield fence of Frisch Field (Pathway to the Metro North Station)
- E. Bainbridge/Marion/Hull Avenues crossing Mosholu Parkway

Motion #1: The Parks' Committee recommends that a letter be sent to Commissioner Aponte and his assistant Valerie Davis requesting that the above listed Park areas be cleaned of snow and ice in a timely manner.

III. **Comfort Station on Webster Avenue:** It has been brought to our attention that the Parks' Dept. has no intention of allowing the athletes using Frisch Field to have access to the comfort station. The station is currently housing the PEP Squad and will remain as a facility for them.

IV. **"No Barbecuing Signs":** In order to prepare for the spring and summer months, the committee is requesting that the Parks' Dept. prepare signs for installation along Mosholu Parkway South and North from Webster to Jerome Avenues.

Motion #2: A letter be sent to Commissioner Aponte, Valerie Davis, and Councilperson Koppell requesting their aid in the creation and installation of "No Barbecuing Signs" along Mosholu Parkway from Webster to Jerome Avenues. The committee is also requesting that the Parks' Dept. issue a press release informing the public regarding this issue.

V. **List of New Trees in CB#7:** This is the committee's second request for a list of trees planted in the fall of 2008 and to be planted in the spring of 2009. Fernando Tirado will follow-up on this issue with the Parks' Dept.

VI. **Redesign of DEP'S Plans for Parking at the Golf Course Adjacent to the Filtration Plant:**

The revised plans are not ready for presentation. A letter from Lynne Pyle of the Knox Gates Neighborhood Assn. was read. The Association is requesting that the additional alienated land be returned to the community as open space and that the area between the Sachkerah Playground and the golf course remain as an open field for a variety of sports and activities. The committee is in agreement with the Association's proposal. Greg Faulkner will present this proposal at the next Filtration Meeting.

VII. **Plans for the Aqueduct Lands:** The Parks' Dept had planned to present the plans for the rehabilitation of this parkland. At the last minute, the Dept. called to announce that the plans were not complete. The committee discussed the need to follow-up on these plans. This park area was slated for filtration money but to date the committee has not seen plans for any work.



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VIII. Report of Lead in Artificial Turf: It has been reported that lead was found in the surface of the artificial turf installed at Jefferson Playground in Harlem. As a result of this finding, the Parks' Dept. planned to study the surface of artificial turf installed in other parks. Williamsbridge Oval and Harris Field in CB#7 have or will have artificial turf installed in their fields. Greg Faulkner will discuss this issue at the next Filtration Meeting.

IX. Access to New Jogging Path Planned for the Jerome Park Reservoir: \$5 million has been assigned for the rehab of this area. Many residents of CB#8 are requesting that the money be spent on the rehab of Fort Four Park. This would preclude entry to the jogging path on the CB#7 side of the reservoir. The committee felt that since, our area was housing the filtration plant, the park should be accessed by residents of both boards. Three schools are in the immediate area of the eastern border of the reservoir. These students should be able to use the jogging path.

Motion #3: The committee recommends that a letter be sent to the DEP Study Group requesting open and equal access to the proposed jogging path for both community boards.

X. Bryan Park: A request for proposals for a mobile food vendor was issued by the Parks' Dept. for this location on Fordham Road. The committee felt that the area was too small and congested for this type of activity. Fernando Tirado is discussing the issue with the Fordham Road Bid and will relate the committees concerns to the Supervisor of Concessions for the Parks' Dept.

The meeting ended at 7:40pm.