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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10th, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance: See the attendance sheet.
- II) Space for Park Concessions: The committee received a request from CB#6 in Manhattan regarding the need to legislate the amount of space given to vendors in the parks. Since this has not been a problem in the parks in our district, the committee decided not to pursue the matter.
- III) Million Trees Program: A discussion on the planting of a huge amount of trees on the north side of the Mosholu Parkway was held. Since this is a play area for local youngsters, the forestry department was asked to remove these trees to another area. Many of these trees were relocated.
- IV) Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy: Margot Perron, along with Enith Williams, a Conservancy Board Member, described the make-up of the new Conservancy. Many questions were raised by the Parks' Committee. Fernando Tirado requested regular attendance of the Conservancy at CB#7 meetings.
- V) Putnam Trail: The funding available for the trail is for paving. The Conservancy is hoping to get the funding source to allow for stone dust as opposed to paving. If modifications cannot be made, the funding may be refused.
- VI) Mosholu Golf Course: The design of the facility has resulted in alienation of park land. Both the parking lot and the current access point to the first fairway have created this problem. A solution needs to be developed. The solution may result in removing trees to move the first fairway or moving this fairway into the parking lot and subsequently, moving the parking lot. Margot Perron promised to keep us advised and to share any design work with our Board.
- VII) Dog Run at Sacherah Playground: With the completion of the dog run, it will be necessary to locate volunteers willing to maintain the site. It was suggested that a sign be posted at the site and volunteers be told to contact the community board. The Parks Committee would also contact Lyn Pyle for suggestions.
- VIII) Follow-up:
 - A) Frisch Field Fence: The fence over the bleachers has been installed.
 - B) "No Barbecuing" Enforcement: There are on-going problems at both Devoe Park and on Mosholu Parkway.
 - 1) Motion #1: A letter be sent to Parks' Commissioner Hector Aponte requesting the placing of "No Barbecuing" signs along Mosholu Parkway.
 - 2) Motion #2: A letter be sent to Deputy Inspector Alles requesting the enforcement of "no barbecuing" on Mosholu Parkway and in Devoe Park.
 - C) Million Trees: Fernando Tirado walked the area with Mr. Pywell, a senior forester regarding the future placement of trees.
- IX) Movies in the Park: Assemblyperson Naomi Rivera has requested that we relocate the movies which she sponsors from Williamsbridge Oval to the Mosholu Parkway Mall west of Bainbridge Avenue. The Park Manager will look into the matter.
- X) Jennifer Beaugrand from the Mosholu Preservation Corp. reported on her gardening activities in the parks in CB#7.
- XI) The meeting ended at 8:10pm