



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

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**Parks' & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. **Attendance:** See sign-in sheet.
- II. Jen Beaugrand from the Mosholu Preservation Corporation discussed her plans for the parks in the area this fall. Future work will depend on funding.
- III. **Park Maintenance:** Cleaning, garbage pick-up, and grass cutting improved this summer in the Parks throughout the Board area. Mr. Acosta, the Parks' Manager, discussed his plans for the fall months.
- IV. **Security Problems:** Problems at Whalen Park, St. James, Harris Field, and Williamsbridge Oval were discussed. Cameras are needed in these parks. It was suggested that funding be sought from our elected officials. William Francis reported that conditions at Devoe Park improved this summer. The police actively patrolled the area.
- V. **Update on Contracts:**
  - A. Regatta Park: Land still needs to be acquired from DOT.
  - B. Harris Field: Two baseball fields and the synthetic turf soccer field will be opened to the public next week. The remaining four fields will undergo reconstruction.
  - C. Recreation Building at Williamsbridge Oval: All work will be completed by May 2011.
  - D. Comfort Station at Devoe: Windows need to be installed. Work should be completed by Oct 2010.
  - E. Dog Run at Williamsbridge Oval: The dog run should be completed by the end of December.
- VI. **Williamsbridge Oval:** There are currently 21 lights which are not working at the Oval. DOT has been contacted and promises to remedy the situation. Letters were sent to leagues which created problems at the Oval this summer. Next year, Mr. Acosta would like to limit adult use of the fields from 8:00AM to 1:00 PM. Youth leagues would be scheduled for the remainder of the day.
- VII. **Trees:** A list of areas for new trees is needed throughout the Board. A request will be made of Board members and the public at the next meeting of the Community Board.
- VIII. **Kossuth Avenue Playground:** The problem with the water line has been corrected.
- IX. Problems with residents not cleaning up after their dogs at Risse Street Park were reported by Helene Hartman. Mr. Acosta agreed to install holders for doggie bags, if containers could be obtained.
- X. The meeting ended at 7:35 PM.