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## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. Members in attendance include: William Francis, Committee Chair, Barbara Stronczer, Margaret Mack. Lisa Sills-Short was excused
- II. Guests in attendance include: Anthony Riviuccio, Lis von Uhl, Sheila Sanchez, Tannise Palmer, Parks Dept. District Manager, Barry Fedebagha, Elizabeth Quaranta, George Diaz, Councilman Oliver Koppell's Office, Lorita Watson
- III. Committee finalized capital and expense budget request for 2014.
- IV. Committee agreed to support the Gun Hill Bid's Tree Lighting ceremony.
- V. Committee will look into having "Love Your Block" Grant do a workshop at next meeting.
- VI. Issues Discussed:
  - a. There is a rodent problem at Williamsbridge Oval. The Parks Dept. will bait areas of park to address the problem.
  - b. Committee will send letter to Sanitation Department to see if they can begin to give tickets to dog walkers not picking up after their dogs.
  - c. Monies are there for Whalen Park; Committee will send letter to Parks Department about setting up a scoping meeting.
  - d. Parks stated that at present there is adequate personnel coverage for the winter.
  - e. Committee voted to present a motion for a letter to Parks for a scoping at St. James Park to renovate the northern end of the tennis courts into a soccer field. Both the Parks Department and the Councilman's office have expressed agreement on this issue.
  - f. The World War 1 memorial is in final stage of bidding; date of the start of work could not be given.
  - g. Work on Aqueduct Walk should begin in the next two months.
  - h. Work on Williamsbridge Oval dog run also near completion. However, there is still no date for completion of the Oval's Rec. Center.
- VII. The Parks Committee and Parks Department did a walk-through of Mosholu Parkway on Friday, October 5. We identified areas of the park that is in need of reseeding and where the metal rail fence is missing and needs to be repaired. We also listed places where benches have been removed and are requesting that they also be replaced.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned (Minutes submitted by William Francis, Committee Chairperson)