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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Wednesday, March 26, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file
- II. The attendees thanked Tannise Palmer for the good job in removing snow and ice during the winter months. Ms. Palmer announced that the seasonal workers were slowly returning to the parks and that litter pick-up had begun.
- III. Bryan Park Construction:
  - A. Work is set to begin this spring. Changes in the design work have been completed. Ms. Palmer promised to check on the time frame for completion of this project.
- IV. Regatta Park Funding:
  - A. The \$1.5 million set aside for this project has still not been utilized. The project poses many problems which must be worked out with other city agencies and the private sector. The land is still not considered Park's property.
- V. Williamsbridge Oval:
  - A. Richard Carrera and Doug Condit represented a group of skateboarders from the Oval who are trying to get a skate board area constructed in the park. They are currently circulating a petition for this purpose. They requested a letter of support for their project to be sent to local elected officials.
  - B. **MOTION 1:**
    1. The Parks' Committee is in favor of the construction of a skateboard area at Williamsbridge Oval Park.  
The motion was approved by the committee. It was requested that the letter be sent to Councilman Cohen, Borough President Diaz, and Assemblyman Dinowitz.
- VI. The plans for a demonstration to protest the lack of funding for a bridge over the Major Deegan to connect both sides of Van Cortlandt Park were announced. The protest will take place on Sat. March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.
- VII. Mosholu Parkway:
  - A. Recent tree removal and illegal dumping were discussed. Ms. Palmer was asked about the removal of large stumps in the area. She stated that a separate contract for stump removal is needed. She was also asked about the reconstruction of the two pillars along the eastbound lanes of the Parkway near Webster Ave. She estimated that the pillars would be reconstructed in about 9 months.
- VIII. Construction Projects:
  - A. Whalen Park:
    1. Design work is currently being done. The preliminary plans will come before the Board sometime this spring.
  - B. Aqueduct Walk:
    1. The area from Fordham Road to 183<sup>rd</sup> Street has been completed. Work has also been done from Kingsbridge Rd. to Fordham Rd. Illegal dumping is still a problem.



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- IX. A discussion followed regarding the broken benches along Mosholu Parkway. It was suggested that some benches be removed and replaced with sturdier models. Ms. Palmer reported that benches would be repaired this spring.
- X. Next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM
- XI. Meeting Adjourned.