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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I) New Projects:
- A) The Parks' Manager, Patricia Ferguson promised to obtain information regarding the status of the conversion of several tennis courts at St. James Park to soccer and volleyball areas.
 - B) Aqueduct Walk: Ms. Ferguson was given photos of the flooding in the recently rehabilitated area of Aqueduct Walk. The area is located from Kingsbridge Road to 190th Street. She was asked to find out if the contractor could do something to avoid this flooding after each rain storm. We also requested a game table, as promised, be placed at the Kingsbridge Ave. entrance. Wire baskets to hold plastic bags for pet droppings were requested along Aqueduct Walk. These baskets with Dept. of Parks' logo have been installed in other parks.
- II) Garbage Pick-up After the Weekend:
- A) There were many complaints regarding the accumulation of trash after weekend parties. In many cases, trash sat in and along parks until Tuesday. Ms. Ferguson agreed to have her staff pick-up trash on a daily basis.
 - B) The district has received new trash bins and a list of sites for these bins was given to Ms. Ferguson.
- III) Grass Cutting:
- A) Although the grass has been cut on a regular basis, many areas along Mosholu Parkway need trimming. The areas along the curb and around tree pits have not received any attention. Ms. Ferguson stated that she had limited staff for this project but has her staff working on a schedule in order for them to reach all the parks in our area.
- IV) Staffing:
- A) Currently, there are two people assigned to PS 8 Playground. One of the two is responsible for Mosholu Parkway. A roving crew also cleans the Parkway. PEP Officers stationed at the Oval will also be patrolling Mosholu Parkway. There were many complaints about the litter on Mosholu Parkway. Ms. Ferguson asked that we give her some time to get the area in good shape.
- V) Williamsbridge Oval:
- A) An arrangement has been made with the Recreation Center staff. On Monday through Friday the "rec" staff will be closing the bathrooms at 9:15 PM. On weekends Parks' workers will be closing the bathrooms at 6:30 PM.
- VI) Ms. Ferguson was thanked for the many new trees planted along Mosholu Parkway North. She stated that stump removal has also been started.
- VII) The problem of increase litter in the parks was discussed. Possible solutions mentioned were:
- A) Instituting an education program
 - B) Not allowing picnicking
 - C) Posting of "No Littering" signs
 - D) Handing out trash bags to people picnicking
- VIII) St. James Recreation Center:
- A) It was announced that Ms. Kendly, the Director of the Recreation Center at St. James Park, would be located elsewhere for the summer months. Her assistants would be in charge of the summer program.
- IX) The meeting ended at 7:30 PM