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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 9, 2015 @ 7:15 PM**

- I. Attendance sheet in file
- II. The meeting opened with a report on the many good things that happened in our parks during the past month. These happenings included:
  - A. The successful visioning session at Kossuth Playground
  - B. The ribbon cutting for the multi-purpose field at St. James Park
  - C. The ribbon cutting for the renovation of the basketball courts at St. James Park
  - D. The performance of "A Comedy of Errors" at the Oval
  - E. A park walk along Mosholu Parkway with the NYC Commissioners of DOT and Parks
- III. Presentation:
  - A. Judy Tung and Brian Cantwell from the design division of the Parks' Dept. attended the meeting. Ms. Tung presented the drawings and plans for the skate park at Williamsbridge Oval. Several skaters attended the meeting and commented on the plans. The cost of the project is \$750,000, which is being provided by Councilman Cohen
    1. **MOTION:** The Parks' Committee recommends that the Board support the plans and drawings for the new skate park at Williamsbridge Oval
- IV. Comfort Station on Jerome Avenue:
  - A. Patricia Ferguson and Michelle Martel reported that the comfort station had been secured with a gate. Questions arose as to its future use. Daniel Johnson from Councilman Cohen's office inquired as to the cost of rehabilitating the structure. Parks promised to provide the details
- V. Maintenance Issues:
  - A. The green streets at the end of Bainbridge Avenue on Jerome Ave. belong to CB#12. Patricia Ferguson stated that the condition of the three areas had been reported to the nursery
  - B. The stairs at the Oval have been fenced until repairs start. The repair work should begin soon. A request for signage at the World War I Monument on Mosholu Parkway has been placed with the monument division of the Parks' Dept.
- VI. Whalen Park:
  - A. Construction is slated to start during the late summer or early fall of 2016
  - B. The Parks' Dept. was thanked for the new World's Fair benches that were placed on Mosholu Parkway



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- VII. Tree Lighting:
- A. The annual tree lighting celebration is scheduled for Wed. Dec. 9th at 6:00PM. Committee members were urged to attend the event
- VIII. Other Issues:
- A. The Parks' Dept. was asked to supply a figure for the cost of rehabilitating the pillars along Mosholu Parkway. The weekend walk around the Jerome Park Reservoir was discussed. Everyone was urged to attend on the following weekend.
  - B. Lastly, since residents need access to schools and shopping, the Parks; Dept. was asked to give priority to the north/south avenues along Mosholu Parkway when cleaning ice and snow this winter
  - C. Patricia Ferguson pointed out that Councilman Cohen had appropriated funding for a snowplow to be used only on Mosholu Parkway
- IX. The meeting ended at 8:05 PM