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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 7:15 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file:
 - A. Nora Feury, Barbara Stronczer were present
 - B. Absent members include Cynthia Malave-Baez, Gwendolyn Steed, Kevin Pellot, Ruth Santana
- II. Van Cortlandt Park Presentation:
 - A. Christina Taylor from the friends of Van Cortlandt Park presented plans for the daylighting of Tibbetts Brook. The purpose would be to avoid the cost of water treatment and to create a greenway south of Van Cortlandt Park. The plan would entail expanding the wetlands southwest of Van Cortlandt Lake thus reducing the amount of water entering the sewer system. Ms. Taylor requested the Board enter into a Coalition to support this endeavor. The matter will be discussed and voted upon at the next Parks' Committee meeting.
- III. Spring Maintenance:
 - A. Since no representatives from the Parks' Dept. attended the meeting, the following list of requests was made:
 1. Replace three bricks in the wall behind the tennis courts at Williamsbridge Oval.
 2. More garbage cans are needed along the upper level of the Oval
 3. "No Barbecuing" signs are needed along Mosholu Parkway
 4. Complaints about the lack of garbage pick-up and cleaning along the Parkway were made
- IV. Repair of Stone Pillars on Mosholu:
 - A. It is hoped that a capital project will be initiated to start the rehab work on the stone pillars. Several pillars need to be rebuilt and others need to be regouted. There is a need to follow-up on last years visioning session for Mosholu Parkway. Results of the park walk last fall by DOT, DEP, and the Parks' Dept. also need to be presented and discussed.
- V. Summer Hours at St. James Park:
 - A. A request to extend the evening hours for basketball at St. James will be discussed at our next committee meeting.
- VI. Tree Pruning:
 - A. A request for better communication with residents when pruning was to occur was discussed. In most cases "No Parking" signs were displayed on the morning when work was to be done. Several residents expressed concern regarding the method of pruning. It was suggested that the Parks' Dept. supervise the work of the independent contractors
- VII. The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.