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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 7:15 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file:
 - A. Nora Feury, Gwendolyn Steed, Barbara Stronczer, John Snider, Adaline Walker, Santiago
 - B. Members Absent: Cynthia Malave-Baez, Kevin Pellot, Ruth Santana
- II. Tony Rosa:
 - A. The meeting opened with the introduction of our new Parks' Manager, Mr. Tony Rosa. Mr. Rosa described the status of preparations for the summer season.
 - B. New staff is being interviewed and equipment is being readied
 - C. Requests for additional litter baskets on the upper level of the Oval were made
 - D. Information on the installation of new doors for the recreation center at the Oval was also requested
 - E. "No Barbecuing" signs for Mosholu Parkway and the Oval were requested prior to Memorial Day weekend
 - F. Problems with erosion control on the north side of Mosholu between Bainbridge and Van Cortlandt Avenue East were also discussed.
- III. Daylight Tibbetts Brook:
 - A. The plan for The Daylight Tibbetts Brook was explained. Details were presented at the Parks' March meeting. Members were in agreement to join a coalition for this purpose
- IV. MOTION 1:
 - A. The Parks' committee recommends that the Board joins the Coalition to Daylight Tibbetts Brook
- V. Poe Cottage Renovations:
 - A. Mr. Bryan Cantwell from the Parks' Dept. presented the details of the project. The funding totals \$686,000 and was given to the project by Councilman Torres. The Cottage will become ADA accessible. The lawn around the Cottage will be upgraded and blue pavers will be installed. New lighting, trees and shrubs will be included in the project. The formal entrance will be at the left side of the porch and will be graded to permit wheelchair accessibility without the use of a ramp. The project will go into design with construction work starting in the late fall or spring of 2017. The building is a NYC Landmark and the design work must meet the commission's standards
- VI. MOTION 2:
 - A. The Parks' Committee recommends the approval of the plans for the updating and rehab of the entrance and surrounding grounds at Poe Cottage
- VII. Harris Field:
 - A. Work on the final phase of rehab at Harris field will start this spring. It includes, the perimeter lawns, new signage and the connection of a storm sewer
- VIII. Clean-up:
 - A. A clean-up and planting at the sitting area on Jerome Ave. and Mosholu Pkwy. North was announced for April 30th. Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Friends of Mosholu Parkway, and the Bedford Mosholu Community Association are sponsoring the clean up
- IX. The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.