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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 7:15 PM

- I) Attendance sheet in file
- A) Members in attendance included Nora Feury, Gwendolyn Steed, Ruth Santana, Barbara Stronczer
  - B) Members absent include Cynthia Malave-Baez
- II) Follow ups:
- A) The meeting opened with a follow-up on maintenance items requested from the previous month. Tony Rosa, the Parks' Manager reported that additional litter baskets were placed at the Oval and in other parks where needed. The "No Barbecuing" signs will be installed after the Bronx Week Parade.
  - B) Past problems regarding grass cutting were discussed. Problems with areas needing trimming along Mosholu Parkway were highlighted. Mr. Rosa is expecting additional personnel to be added to his roster for the summer months
- III) Mr. Raymond Palmares:
- A) Mr. Palmares is an engineer with the Dept. of Design presented the proposal for the replacement of the boiler at the Mosholu Comfort Station. The project has been funded by the Mayor's Office for \$165,000. The existing boiler, piping and radiators will be removed. A new energy efficient boiler, pump and hot water convectors will be installed. It is assumed that once the boiler is replaced, the comfort station will be used year round for staff. Requests to remove the broken gate and to power wash the building were made. Mr. Rosa promised to try to do both on an "in house" basis. Nora Feury proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Ruth Santana:
    - 1) **MOTION 1: The Parks' Committee recommends that the Board approve the plans for the replacement of the boiler at the Mosholu Comfort Station (Contract #CYNG 916M).**
      - (a) The motion passed unanimously.
- IV) "It's My Park Day":
- A) "It's My Park Day" will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Work will be done along the eastern end of Mosholu Parkway. Volunteers should meet at the Webster Ave. comfort station starting at 10:00AM.
- V) Kossuth Playground:
- A) Fernando Tirado presented the results of the visioning session held last October for the renovation of Kossuth Playground. After tallying the responses, the 5 top requests were:
    - 1) Construction of a comfort station
    - 2) Improved lighting
    - 3) Active play spaces
    - 4) Passive recreation areas
    - 5) Water features



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B) Since funding is yet to be obtained, a request for the board's support of the project was made. Ruth Santana made the following motion, which was seconded by Nora Feury and Gwendolyn Steed:

1) **MOTION 2: Community Board #7 supports the results of the visioning session for the renovation of Kossuth Playground. This support will consist of giving this item a prominent place in our Capital Outlay Budget and District Needs Statement for 2018. We will also bring this project to the attention of our elected officials.**

(a) The motion passed unanimously.

C) Since the entire project will be costly, it was suggested to complete the work in phases as has been done in other parks

VI) Williamsbridge Oval:

A) An update on the installation of new glass doors on the recreation center at Williamsbridge Oval was given by Mr. Tony Rosa, the Parks' Manager. The Dept. is waiting for the screens to be completed. Mr. Rosa will keep us updated on the matter

VII) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>