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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 7:30 PM

- I) Committee Attendance: Betty Arce, Nora Feury, Chad Royer, Barbara Stronczer
 - A) Absent: Gloria Dapaah, Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed.
 - B) Guests: See attendance sheet.

- II) Victor Lozado from the World Mission Society Church of God spoke about the planned cleanup along Webster Ave. from Gun Hill Road to Mosholu Parkway which is scheduled for this Sunday, 3/18 at 8:00AM.
 - A) He is willing to have the youth of his congregation help with park cleanups.

- III) The pedestrian walkway planned for connecting the east and west sides of Van Cortlandt Park over the Major Deegan Expressway were discussed.
 - A) The design of the bridge does not appear to enhance the natural area of the park.
 - 1) A less conspicuous design would be more appropriate.
 - B) A walkway with a more suitable design is located just north of the Bronx as one enters Yonkers on the Deegan Expressway.
 - C) Options 1 and 2 for the ramp leading to the walkway were also discussed.
 - 1) Option 1, which was longer but used some of the existing trail, was favored.
 - D) Concerns regarding the number of trees, which will be lost in the area, were also expressed.

- IV) **Motions(s):**
 - A) The Parks' Committee is in favor of a walkway crossing the Major Deegan Expressway for the purpose of uniting the east and west sections of Van Cortlandt Park.
 - 1) The Committee is not in favor of the proposed bridge which apart from being extremely costly does not enhance the natural area of the park.
 - 2) The committee favors Option 1 for the ramp leading to the walkway.
 - B) The preliminary plans for Kossuth Playground on Mosholu Parkway North were presented by Tim Rowe and Nick Flachsbart from the Parks' Dept.
 - 1) The plans include the rehabilitation of the basketball court with the addition of a new 1/2 court space.



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- (a) More modern playground equipment, a small fitness area, a new sitting area, swings for handicapped youngsters, some flowering trees and tree guards are all a part of the project.
 - (b) The total cost is \$3.46 million.
 - 2) The Parks' Committee is in favor of the preliminary Drawings for the rehabilitation of Kossuth Playground.
- V) Frisch Field: The committee discussed the need for greater utilization of the ball field.
- A) Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager plans to have the field better maintained.
 - B) The Bedford Mosholu Community Association and the Friends of Mosholu Parkland plan to sponsor a cleanup and beautification project around the field on Sat. May 12th.
 - 1) Movies over the summer months are also planned for the field.
- VI) Spring Maintenance & Signage: Requests for "No Barbecuing Signs" to be installed along Mosholu Parkway, Williamsbridge Oval, and at Devoe Park were made.
- 1) The signage should be in place by May.
 - (a) A suggestion to change the words on the signs from "No barbecuing in this area" to "No Barbecuing" was made.
 - 2) Requests for additional garbage receptacles for the Oval were also made.
- VII) Devoe Park: The Parks, Manager for Devoe Park will be invited to the next meeting of the committee.
- A) Members were asked to prepare issues for this meeting.
- VIII) A request to address the flooding issue at Mosholu Parkway and Van Cortlandt Avenue was made.
- IX) The meeting ended at 8:30PM – The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th.