

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
PARKS/RECREATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

Attendance:

K. Allen	P
J. Brown	E
D. Buscarello	E
G. Fabbri	A
J. Heyer	P
G. Kelly	P
H. Link	P

L. Mattern	P
J. Nadeau	P
M. Pantin	P
J. Pautz	P
A. Ramdhari	P
K. Reese	A
M. Shames	P

J. Oltman Smith	E
J. Thompson	A
S. Turet	P

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

Guest Attendees:

K. Lowe – Rep. from the Department of Environmental Protection

C. Yandoli – Rep. from the Parks Department

L. Faber

D. Thompson

D. Goehringer

S. Islam

***** MINUTES *****

Orientation: Rules, regulations and procedures governing committee participation.

The chairperson, Glenn Kelly, opened the meeting and recognized the new committee members in attendance: Kara Allen, Libby Mattern, Kara Allen and Angelica Ramdhari.

Presentation and discussion with representatives from the Parks Department about the Park Slope Playground Synthetic Turf Project.

A presentation was made by Kerry Lowe of DEP; Allen Infrastructure Group – purpose to manage CSO. There are three parks in presentation. All moving together – procurement January. Boerum Park in Cobble Hill between Warren/Baltic Streets. Mostly resident area. Proposal: sub-surface retention 9,000 sq. ft. drainage area – bio-retention practice 6,000 sq. ft. drainage area. Working to insure no damage to trees and roots during construction project. An Arborist did the evaluation. The site slopes North East from Baltic to Warren. Designs for average (1 inch) storm. All designed to drain down in 48 hours – project: 2 months. Playground should be able to remain in use except for staging. Parks Department will lead to the site.

Marty Marks of NYC Parks Department – capital update

- St. Mary’s started. Sports Court should start in Fall.
- Ennis is going into procurement soon – Summer to Fall
- Washington Park – construction next fall
- Park Slope Park

- Red Hook Ball Fields 5-8 to start: summer 2018 – 18 months contract. Trying not to shut down at once. Ball Fields 2 and 9 to start Spring 2019. The rest will be a bit further out. Larger baseball fields converted to synthetic turf.

Harold Ickes – State Fair: designers, manufacturers came to a scoping meeting in October. Have money for Washington Park to turn it into turf (copy of presentation provided at budget consultation).

Park Slope Playground (Berkeley and Lincoln Places) Joint-Operated Playground or JOP (i.e., DPR and DOE) PS282. Three month construction around school year (winter) 2018.

- Complete upgrade retrofit to school ground
- CM Lander provided money for the project
- Water flow northwest (Berkeley to Lincoln)
- Drainage area: 17,850
- New trees, new benches, _____ station, water fountain, repainting (new games)
- Field has a stone bed
- Trench drain leads to stone bed
- Moving hoops – not adding more basketball than is already there
- The synthetic turf direction will come from Parks Department.

Carroll Park (President, Court, Carroll Streets). Construction: 4 months

- Subsurface retention drainage area: 16,200 sq. ft.
- Drainage area: 11,900 sq. ft.
- Bio-retention practice replaces existing shrub area (adventure park area)
- A fence will be put up to avoid stomping on it.
- Will be outside absolute critical root zone, not ISA root zone (ISA root zone covers nearly all of the park. Tree stock in good shape (was cared for)
- Water flow: Carroll to President NE
- Glenn: cap instead of slotted filter into drainage because of leaves.
- Also a replacement seal coat.

Discussion:

- Friends of Carroll Park have not voted on this
- Parks using small plants regularly now.
- Catch basin cover generally screens out trash.

Park Slope Park

- Won't have any plants

Mark Shames moves that the design be approved and DEP and Parks move forward with the improvements as presented for the three parks. Suzanne Turet seconded the motion.

Motion approved: unanimously

Minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2017 were approved with a note that Glenn Kelly was excused from that meeting.

Marlene Pantin asked Harold Ickes:

People parking on the plaza. Earlier in the year, went to 76th Precinct meeting and explained situation, asked to enforce rules. New outreach, precinct got involved and helped but now with the tunnel work, equipment is being parked in the area. Trees are being destroyed.

Plan: can make a request for the Board Office to look into contacting Parks, DOT.

- Ask Board Office to work with Red Hook Conservancy to solve this.
- Pop-up soccer play areas in Bush Clinton Playground (Lorraine/Clinton Streets). It used to be taken out at the end of summer but no longer. Prevents other uses.
- 3-4 foot metal rectangular boxes unmanaged poles, when taken down put in garden and harm plants. Marty said permits tend to get renewed in September.

Glenn Kelly said to call permit office. Don't have enough information to take action. Collect more information and keep us posted.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mark Shames made a motion to adjourn.

The minutes were submitted by Kara Allen.