

**Village of Montebello Parks Commission
January 6th, 2011**

Our meeting was called to order at 7:45pm at the MCC.

Attendance: Nick Altebrando, Bob Ullman, Tony Piazza, Bob Congionti, Bob Israel M.D., Amy Rapoport and Warren Berbit Esq.

Absent: Jennifer Schindler

Quorum: Yes

Minute: July and December Minutes were approved.

Pond Park Update

Some members of the Parks Commission walked the park with a couple of the firms that will be submitting RFP's for the work to be done. Mr. Piazza stated that he should receive their proposals by January 27th and will pass along copies to the rest of the Commission so that they may review prior to the February meeting.

Mr. Piazza also relayed to the Commission that we did not receive the ADA state grant but there was an opportunity to receive grant money for the cost /installation of benches for the park.

It was agreed upon that the Park Commission would like to see 21 benches placed throughout the park. Ms. Rapoport agreed to research options and provide the Commission a couple of samples to choose from. It was agreed the Commission would communicate which option they liked via email as to submit the grant in a timely manner.

Ms. Rapoport stated that she would like to be more included with any dealings of the Commission. Mr. Piazza stated that he would include her more.

Mr. Piazza stated that there appears to be a water flow problem from the creek/pond on the east side of Senator Levy Drive that flows into Pond Park. Mr. Altebrando stated that there may be a possibility to fill in the pond to make a marsh land. Mr. Altebrando stated that he would get details/cost and provide to the Commission at the next meeting.

World Trade Center Remnant

Mr. Piazza stated that the village be receiving a piece of steel from the World Trade Center and that the Commission needs to determine where the piece will be displayed and how it will be positioned. There was some preliminary discussion with more follow up come. It was suggested by Ms. Rapoport that the Eagle Scouts be part of the dedication. All agreed.

Discussion on Cancelling Concerts for 2011

Mr. Piazza stated that because of budget constraints the annual concerts may have to be cancelled. It was agreed that the commission will look into the possibility of attracting “No Fee” bands to perform. This option will be looked into.

2011 Event Assignments

Concert (TBD): Ms. Schindler

Clean Up Day: Mr. Congionti

Campout: Mr. Ullman

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm Mr. Altebrando made the motion, Mr. Ullman second it.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Ullman.