

Volunteers for Springfield Park, Inc.
General Meeting held on June 26, 2019
Time: 7:20 p.m.
At Springfield Park House at Springfield Gardens, Queens, NY

Minutes

Attendance:

Fay D Hill
Gregory Hudson
Curlene Nelson
Marlene Mathurin
Gennie Vann
Yveline Kavanagh
Jderle Toussaint

Absent with excuse - Veronica Bellan – President

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. Minutes of last meeting was read by secretary. Motion to accept the minutes by Curlene Nelson second by Gregory Hudson with corrections. “Curlene Nelson’s name was omitted” as an attendee at our last meeting.

Welcome and introductions were made for three new volunteers Marlene, Yveline and Jderle. They each filled out an application form with their information.

Discussions

Gregory Hudson raised the issue of getting six “Welcome” signages in the community. He will investigate the price and various signages. He elaborated on the dirt and condition of the community. He spoke about the cleaning up of Rockaway and Guy Boulevards. Curlene said that we must work on getting approval on where we can place the “WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD GARDENS” from various agencies, e.g. DOT, Community Board, etc.

Curlene Nelson reported that we will be getting planters on Guy R. Boulevard. She will be meeting with the Queens Borough President about the status.

Fay Hill reported that she attended City Hall to testify for our parks and Rally for more funding. The New York Parks Department received \$43 million from City Council and will be hiring more park employees and the improvement for our city park. She also mentioned that she met with our new Queens park commissioner and told him that most of our equipment that were purchased from our Discretionary Funds were unaccounted for. The commissioner asks that an e-mail be sent to him with the list of all the items that were purchased.

Other discussions

We discussed on having a fundraiser Gala in the Fall to raised funds to enable us to purchase our “WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD GARDENS”. Other suggestions a bus/trip and show, etc.

Much discussions on the overabundance of cars and trucks parked in the neighborhood, especially around the parameters of the park and along 147th Avenue. Some neighbors cannot park in front of their homes and well as cars blocking their driveways.

Gregory Hudson and other volunteers suggested we get a Logo for the organization also T-shirts for our volunteers. Further discussion will be discussed at our next meeting.

We plan a cleanup campaign to paint the light poles and the overpass rails. The secretary will reach out to our park coordinator Shah on getting the paint supplies and a park permit. We also suggested to have a small BBQ for the community. The date will be on Saturday July 20, 2019 from 10:00 – 4:00 pm.

Treasurer’s Report

Gennie Vann reported as of May 31, 2019 our bank balance is \$1685.46. She mentioned that most of our funding are from fundraising events, grant writings and one of our volunteers who does volunteer hours at our park her company award us for hours she does for the year.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:20 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the park house.

Respectfully submitted,

Fay D Hill
Secretary