

Parks Committee Meeting    Monday, September 18, 2006

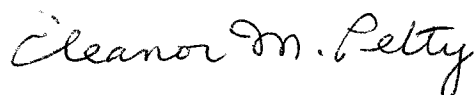
The Parks Committee met on Monday, September 18, 2006 to hear a presentation by the Optical Communications Group concerning a proposal to run a submarine fiber optic cable between Staten Island and Brooklyn. Service from this cable will be provided to several state and city customers along with enterprise customers. Most fiber cables travel on bridges and through tunnels subjecting them to the threat of terrorists. This submarine cable, because it will travel underwater, is not subject to such a threat. There has been a positive response to this project among the city agencies.

OCG plans to start the project in November 2006 and complete it in ten to fourteen working days. The project includes setting up a directional boring rig on Parks Department property just east of Ben Vitale park on the opposite side of the Belt Parkway entrance ramp. They will drill up to 65 feet below the ground to the other side of the Belt Parkway on to Parks land to the water's edge. The directional bore will exit more than 100 feet off shore. The cable will be installed in the pipe placed in the directional bore hole.

There will be two areas on Parks land where manhole pits will be placed. Both of these pits will be completely covered by up to five feet of soil and sodded upon completion of the work. There will be no visible signs of this cable being placed on Parks property. The manholes would only be accessed in an emergency situation.

It was suggested by the committee that OCG consider the possibility of extending the bike path in that area as a gift to the local community. This recommendation was added to the approval granted by a quorum of the Parks Committee .

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eleanor M. Petty".

Eleanor M. Petty, chairperson