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## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	April 09, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	<a href="#">Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</a> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer _ Gwen Thomas Steed ✓ Tasha Andrews _ Marcus McLarty ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Esme Sattaur-Low ✓ Jesús López-Jensen
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

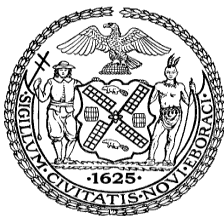
### Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read
- II. Attendance was taken, and quorum was met
- III. Review of Previous Minutes
  - A. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month
  - A. No issues were raised from the previous meeting.
- V. New Business
  - A. Pickleball Improvement Proposal at Williamsbridge Oval - Presentation by Daniel Amell (<https://bit.ly/42fzA2m>)
    1. Mr. Amell, a local resident, presented several detailed proposals to convert some of the existing tennis courts to Pickleball courts. He discussed the popularity of the game and the need to provide a safer area than the one currently used for this activity. Suggestions were made for temporarily using the existing tennis courts by adding new markings. A proposal for any type of construction would need to be added to our capital budget. It was suggested that Mr. Amell also try to obtain funding for the project from his council members.

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2. Joe Magneri, the Parks Manager, plans to bring the proposal to the Bronx Parks Commissioner. Joe also suggested the formation of a “Friends” group for Pickleball at the Oval. Since the game currently has a following of interested players at the Oval, it was also recommended that the status of these proposals be followed up on at each month's parks meeting.

#### **B. Department of Parks & Recreation Updates -**

1. Maintenance issues were addressed, including dumping at Devoe Park, utilizing the Webster House, the need for additional garbage receptacles, and better anchoring of the “No Barbecuing” signs.
2. For staffing, several current workers have been promoted, but the summer staff numbers have not been determined.
3. Pamela Coleman, Recreation Specialist from Williamsbridge Oval, announced several upcoming activities, including the egg hunt and a family fitness event on May 16th.

#### **VI. Other Items -**

- A. Several announcements were read, including the postponement of the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Harris Field, the Civic Engagement activity at Poe Park scheduled for April 12th, and the Egg Hunt planned for Williamsbridge Oval on April 19th.

#### **VII. Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2025**

#### **VIII. Discussion on Next Agenda: TBA**

#### **IX. Adjournment: The Meeting is adjourned**