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**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX** 



COMMUNITY BOARD 7

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## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	May 14, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center
	3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members	🖌 Barbara Stronczer 🖌 Gwen Thomas Steed
In Attendance:	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 a quorum was met
- III. Review of Previous Minutes

A. The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### IV. Follow-up from Previous Month

- **A.** A request for the conversion of tennis courts at Williamsbridge Oval to Pickleball courts. After much discussion and a review of the diagrams presented by Mr. Amell, the committee presented the following motion.
  - 1. **Motion:** The Committee recommends converting one tennis court to a Pickleball area, provided the Board receives a petition in favor of this proposal with 100 signatures from community members.
  - 2. The motion was approved with all members voting in favor.

#### V. New Business

### A. Summer Staffing -

- 1. The department is currently interviewing candidates, where they plan to continue a late-day, early evening crew for cleanup on the weekends.
- 2. The roving crew will start at 11:00 AM and work until 7:00 PM.



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#### **B. Recreation Personnel -**

- Devoe Park will have recreation staff for the "Kids in Motion" program. This program will run from Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- 2. Williamsbridge Oval is planning a performance art session in dance on Saturday, June 21st, from 12:00PM to 3:00 PM. Summer camps are planned for St. James Park, Poe Park, and Williamsbridge Oval

### C. Webster House -

1. Depending on staffing, the Parks department hopes to utilize this facility.

## D. Additional Requests -

- 1. Requests were made for additional waste receptacles in and around the parks. Mr. Magneri, the Parks Manager, plans to place receptacles at corners along the perimeter of parks. He stated the difficulty of picking up for his trucks.
- 2. Complaints regarding dumping on Mosholu Parkway North-West of Jerome Avenue were also made

## VI. Next Meeting Date: June 11, 2025

### VII. Discussion on Next Agenda:

A. Presentation from the Van Cortlandt House Museum

**B.** The Parks Manager will give an update on summer staffing

### VIII. Adjournment: The Meeting is adjourned