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**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>October 12, 2022</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Recording:</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/eXmEIoQMnSY">https://youtu.be/eXmEIoQMnSY</a>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daisy Perry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas Steed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Caraballo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leurys Acosta
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

**I. Attendance: Betty Arce, Daisy Perry, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed, Tobie Buford, Ruth Caraballo, Barbara Stronczer**

**Absent: Tasha Andrews**

**II. The minutes were accepted as presented.**

**III. New Business:**

**A. Risse Street Garden: Paul Kittas from the garden requested permission to use a previously installed barbecue pit for cookouts. Allyson Jackson, representing the Parks’ Dept. will inquire and get back to the board and Mr. Kittas with a reply.**

**B. Tree Lighting: The committee agreed upon Thursday, December 8th as the date for our annual tree lighting.**

**C. Maintenance Issues: The packer is back in service. Complaints about the existing staff working as garbage collectors were made.**

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**Concerns about the lighting at the Oval were addressed. Exposed wiring on a pole at Webb Ave adjacent to Devoe Park was also described.**

**The need to cut the shrubs on the island in front of Tracey Towers was requested. Flagging at the WWI Monument on Mosholu Parkway requires a permit from the Parks' Dept. Our larger parks have a skeleton crew for the winter months. Smaller parks are maintained by a roving crew.**

**D. Recreation Centers:**

**a. Flyers advertising the many activities for the month at Williamsbridge Oval were sent by Sarah Bishow, the Recreation Director.**

**b. Sheroly Jones from St. James Park described the many outdoor activities held at the park this summer.**

**E. Friends' Groups:**

**Friends of Mosholu Parkland announced their fall festival to be held On Sat. Oct. 15th. Community Design Partnership will be hosting visioning sessions around the Parkway on October 22nd, 29th and November 5th. All are invited.**

**A cleanup will be held on Saturday, November 9th at Aqueduct Walk Park.**

**F. Budget Requests: The committee reviewed all of last year's requests and decided to keep them in this year's budget proposals. New requests include:**

**1. Lighting along a new path on Mosholu Parkway South near East 204th Street. -DOT??**



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- 2. Upgrade, prune and clean tree pits along the islands of the Grand Concourse from Kingsbridge Rd to Mosholu Pkway. Replant trees if needed.**
- 3. Night lighting for games at Williamsbridge Oval**
- 4. Repairs to the artificial turf at Harris Field.**
- 5. Repair/Rehabilitate Swimming Pool at Clinton High School- request for the Education Committee??**
- 6. Replace trees in empty pits throughout CB#7**
- 7. Remove/replace dead trees throughout CB#7**

**A final concern was expressed by a resident. She requested the closing off of PS 8 Playground during the lunch hour on school days. This would enable the students at the school to safely use the equipment without interference from the general public.**

**G. The next meeting will be held on November 9th. Suggestions for the agenda include inviting a representative from Parks' Forestry Division, as well as, an update on the tree lighting.**

**IV. The meeting ended at 8:00PM.**