



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer    ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Tasha Andrews    ✓ Betty Arce    ✓ Gwen Thomas-Steed</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

**I) Introductions**

**II) Review of previous minutes**

**A motion to approve the minutes from our September meeting was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Tasha Andrews. The minutes were approved by the committee.**

**III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**

**IV) New Business**

- a) Budget Cuts: Joe Magneri, the Parks’ Manager addressed the issue of budget cuts. Since seasonals were not hired this past spring, he hoped that the current staffing would be in place for the winter months. He could not guarantee that additional cuts would not be made.**
- b) Park Summonses: The total number of the summonses issued by the Parks’ Enforcement Patrol in our district, as well as, the number of summonses issued in each of our parks was discussed. A request was made regarding the type of summonses issued at Williamsbridge Oval. Joe Magneri promised to follow-up with the information.**
- c) Tree Lighting Ceremony: Since the tree lighting is an event which attracts a large number of people, changes will have to be made**



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during this Covid crisis. Suggestions included having the local school children continue to make decorations, if school is in session and lighting the tree without any ceremony. It was also suggested to wait until the Borough Commissioner announces some regulations for this event.

- d) **Kossuth Playground:** The rehabilitation of the playground is almost complete. A punch list of additional items to be completed will be given to the contractor. The playground should be opening soon.
- e) **Tree Planting:** Three areas along Mosholu Parkway South were discussed as possible sites for trees. The areas had been used for sports this past summer and are currently dust bowls. Joe Magneri suggested mulch be delivered to these areas.
- f) **Lights on World War I Monument:** A request to get the lights back on was made to Joe Magneri. It is hoped the lights will be back on by Veteran's Day.
- g) **Friends of Mosholu Parkland:** Elizabeth Quaranta from the Friends Of Mosholu Parkland addressed the committee with a slide presentation of her work along Mosholu Parkway. She discussed many of the groups' projects. These included the Welcome Garden, the School Garden Project at PS 8, and the edible garden at the Keeper's House. She gave some insights as to some of her challenges and her many successes obtaining funding for her projects. Her slide presentation will be listed on CB#7's website.
- h) **The meeting opened to questions and concerns from the public:**
  - 1) A resident asked about the new trees which had been removed along Fordham Road from Morris to Creston Avenues.
  - 2) A rat problem exists at Williamsbridge Oval. Reports of rats in the playground closest to the Rec Center and in the area where an outdoor Yoga class was being conducted were made.
  - 3) A request for the removal of a hornet's nest at the Holt Place entrance to the park
    - Joe Magneri promised to look into all these issues.



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**i) Announcements:**

- 1) Bulb Planting is planned for Devoe Park on Sat. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**
- 2) Bulb Planting will take place at Williamsbridge Oval on Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**
- 3) The Bedford Mosholu Community Association will hold a cleanup and bulb planting on Sat. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**V) Next meeting date:**

- a) Since Veteran's Day is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of November, the next Parks' meeting is scheduled for Wed. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**VI) Discussion on next agenda**

**VII) Adjournment The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.**