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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 7:30 PM

I) Attendance:

- A) Committee Members Present: Betty Arce, Nora Feury, Chad Royer, Barbara Stronczer
- B) Absent: Gloria Dapaah, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed
- C) Guests: See attendance sheet.

II) The meeting opened with a presentation of plans for a dog run at St. James Park. Tara Valenta presented the plans from Parks. The proposal covered a quarter mile area in the northeast quadrant of the park. A 4' high fence would surround the dog run. The area would be handicap accessible. Funding for the dog run amounts to \$650,000 and will take two years to complete.

- A) **MOTION:** The Parks' Committee is in favor of the proposed dog run for St. James Park provided the users realize they are responsible for maintenance of the area. The committee does not want Parks' staff to have the extra burden of keeping this area clean.

III) A list of newly planted dead trees was given to Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager. The trees are under a 2 year warranty and should be replaced. The list includes: 392 E. 201<sup>st</sup> St., 325 E. 201<sup>st</sup> St., 3001 Briggs (2), east side of Briggs Ave opposite 3001 Briggs (2), west side of Perry Ave. between East 206<sup>th</sup> St. and East 207<sup>th</sup> St. (2).

IV) Lack of garbage pick-up in the parks was discussed. Mr. Magneri pointed out that a packer was down and the remaining one had to be shared with Board 8. Lack of garbage containers was also noted. The manager promised to rectify the situation.

V) Complaints regarding the new green "No Barbecuing" signs were made. Poor installation of these signs was also discussed.

VI) Volunteer activities for June were announced. They include:

- A) Family Fitness Fair at the Oval on Sat. 6/16.
- B) Resource Fair at Devoe Park on Sat. 6/23
- C) Health & Fitness Fair at Frisch Field on 6/24

VII) A discussion followed on the illegal activities at Devoe Park and what the Parks' Dept. can do to prevent these activities from occurring this summer. Mike Ortiz from the Dept. of Parks stated that there were only 50 PEP officers for the borough. Officers will be rotated as needed but residents should not expect PEP officers to be stationed at Devoe.

VIII) Since our committee will not be meeting over the summer, residents were advised to contact the community board office if problems arise.

IX) The committee discussed budget priorities for the 2020 fiscal year.

X) The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.