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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**

- a) **Staffing:** Seasonal workers are in place. A rotating crew will maintain some areas such as Harris Field. Joe Magneri, the District Manager is trying to obtain permanent staff for Aqueduct Walk. Devoe Park will continue to have permanent staffing since it is the headquarters for the District 5 Manger.
- b) **Tree Replacement:** Complaints regarding the number of dead newly planted trees were made. In spite of the fact that a list of these trees was presented to Parks at the end of last summer, most of the trees were not replaced. Recently, new mulch was delivered and dropped around the base of many of these trees. Mr. Magneri will look into this matter. The committee would like Zev Reuter, the Directory of Forestry, to attend our next meeting.
- c) **Permits Issued at Frisch Field:** Several area residents representing the Oval Community Youth Program attended the meeting to discuss the difficulties they are having in obtaining a permit for Frisch Field. The organization was given a permit for Saturdays only. New Era, a league from Washington Heights was given a permit for Sunday through Friday. The residents’ complaints included the fact that New Era does not use the field on many of these days. When approached by the leadership of New Era, the local Oval Community Youth Program leader was offered another permit, which New Era held for the Allerton Ball fields. It was decided by the committee to send a letter to Commissioner Rosa requesting she look into the status of permits for Frisch Field.



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1. **Motion:** A letter be sent to Bronx Parks' Commissioner Rosa requesting she look into the status of permits issued at Frisch Field and work out an arrangement to give the Oval Community Youth Program, a local team, additional permit time.
- d) Pilar Maschi from the City Parks' Foundation gave a report on Aqueduct Walk. Although the park continues to be a site for dumping, the area is looking much cleaner. Park crews have been working numerous shifts to clean the area. Ms. Maschi is planning the next meeting concerning Aqueduct Park on Thursday, April 18th from 6:00-8:00PM. The meeting will take place at St. James Recreation Center. It is hoped to have a "Friends of Aqueduct" established in the near future. Ms. Maschi also hopes to be able to develop a similar group for Devoe Park.
- e) Signage: A request to have the "No Barbecuing" signs installed in district parks by Memorial Day was made. Mr. Magneri will try to accommodate this request. He also stated that new signs listing activities not permitted in certain parks would be available in the fall.
- f) Park events during April were highlighted. They included:
 1. Shakespeare at the Oval on Thurs. 4/11
 2. An Egg Hunt at the Oval on Sat. 4/20
 3. Earth Day celebration at the Keeper's House on Mon. 4/22
- g) Committee members expressed concerns regarding the use of the skate park by both skaters and BMX riders. The question of safety and intimidation of younger skaters was raised. After much discussion it was decided to monitor the interaction between the two groups during the next few weeks and give the young people the chance to solve any issues that may develop.

V. Discussion on next month's agenda

VI. Next month's meeting date: Wednesday, May 8th, 2019

VII. Adjournment