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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 8th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
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:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Aqueduct Walk: A review of the last meeting of the group was given. Information regarding future events will be shared.
 - b. Forestry: Although a representative from the forestry division of Parks’ did not attend the meeting, Joe Magneri did present the answers to the questions and concerns, which the committee sent to him during the past month. Issues included replacement of dead new trees, stump and grate removals, and the weeding of tree pits on Bailey Avenue along the Major Deegan Expressway.
 - c. Staffing for the summer: Joe Magneri reported on the need for additional staffing. He is still not sure of how many seasonals he will obtain for the district. Equipment for the summer is ready and grass cutting has begun.
 - d. Signage/ Use of PEP Squad: Some signage will be placed in locations across the district. New signage listing a series of do’s and don’ts’s will be installed during the fall. Concern for illegal use of the park during the warm weather was expressed. Residents have already complained about loud music, illegal barbecuing, and mounds of trash being left behind by park users. It was suggested to invite a representative from the Police Dept. to our next meeting in order to establish what help the Police could be regarding quality of life problems. Mr. Magneri promised to also bring someone from the PEP Squad.
 - e. Bus Tour: Suggestions made included Poe Park, Aqueduct Walk, and the Skate Park at the Oval.



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f. Events: The following events were announced:

1. Park, Plant, & Paint – Sat. May 18th 10:00 AM. Meet at the Webster House on Webster Ave. & Mosholu Pkwy South.
2. Bronx Week Parade & Festival – Sun. May 19th at Noon
3. Food Scrap Collection at the Keeper’s House on Mon. Wed. & Fridays starting at noon.
4. Sarah Bishow, the Director of the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center announced the following:
 - Field Day at the Oval: Sat. June 8th
 - Fitness Festival: June 27th
5. A discussion followed regarding the lack of lighting around Harris Field. Joe Magneri will look into the issue. Adriana Espinoza, a representative from the NY League of Conservation Voters would like to attend our next meeting. It was suggested to invite her to a meeting in the fall, since our invitation to the Police and the PEP Squad for our June meeting would cover most of our agenda
6. Representatives from the Oval Community Youth Program attended the meeting. They have received additional permit time for Frisch Field (Mon. wed. Fri. and Sat.).

V. Discussion on next month’s agenda

VI. Next month’s meeting date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

VII. Adjournment – The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.