

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 5, 2017

Present: Arlene Drayton, Chair; Patricia Charles, Co-Chair; Edith Blitzer,
Andrea Siegel

Excused: Yahay Obeid, Dominick Schiano

Absent: Keith Ramsey

Guests: Hilario Ramos, PEP Captain, Rakeem Taylor, Bronx Manager, NYC
Parks & Recreation, Raphael Schweizer, Bronx Park East Community Assoc.

Meeting called to order by Chair, Arlene Drayton at 7:00 PM

- Brief presentation by Captain Ramos, Parks Enforcement. Parks Enforcement Officers work May through October, including Saturdays and Sundays; covering all of Bronx Park and Pelham Parkway. There are usually 2-3 officers, 7 AM - 7PM. ECB summons will be issued to anyone who is not compliant with the 'no barbecuing' regulations. Captain Ramos informed the committee that as of April 5, 2017, all new recruits are shielded to improve enforcement. The 'no barbecuing' signs have been ordered and before the Memorial Day holiday, Captain Ramos will spot check to assure that the signs have been posted. Captain Ramos answered questions from the committee members and gave the contact phone number for Bronx Park Enforcement Command Center (718) 665-2176, and Parks Central Communications (646) 613-1200 - 24 hrs.

- Mr. Taylor, Bronx Manager informed the committee about upcoming events throughout Bronx Park: Spring Cleanup / Partnerships for Parks: April 8 - Stars & Stripes, 1-4 PM
April 15 - Waring Avenue, 1-4 PM. Also, Zimmerman Park is scheduled for a Clean Up Day on April 15, 2017. Bronx Park Volunteer Day is May 5, 2017, 10 AM to 2 PM; starting at Brady Avenue up to 233rd Street. Volunteers will be cleaning, painting fences and benches where needed.

Mr. Taylor responded to a question from Edith Blitzer about the work being done on the park house in Bronx Park. The roof is in the process of being repaired.

Motion made by Edith Blitzer to adjourn, motion seconded by Andrea Siegel.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM