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**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair</b>	Barbara Stronczer
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Wednesday, February 13, 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<u>Exc</u> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Nora Feury

**Minutes:**

**I. Introductions**

**II. Review of last month's minutes**

**III. Follow-up from previous month**

- a) The aftermath of last month's presentation by a local team regarding a permit for Williamsbridge Oval was reported by Ischia Bravo who attended the meeting at the Parks Office with the Commissioner.
  - 1. The decision made by the commissioner was to split the park into three sessions on Saturdays to accommodate the teams in the order listed below:
    - Buccaneers
    - Jets
    - Knights
  - 2. The letter for the Bronx Buccaneers thanking the Board for their support was read.

**IV. New Business**

- a) The leaders from the Oval Community Youth Program also known as the Bronx Bandits introduced themselves and cited problems with permits. They described their group as a long standing team in the community. They are non-profit and tax exempt seeking support in recruiting children from 4 to 12 years of age interested in baseball. They will be using Frisch Field in the spring and summer for games and clinics. Both Joe Magneri and Ischia will be assisting the group.
- b) Aqueduct Walk: Pilar Maschi from the Partnerships For Parks discussed plans for the clean – up of Aqueduct Walk. She will be conducting meetings



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throughout the community to inspire community members to care for their local parks through personal leadership, community-led conversations and action with neighbors. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Food will be served.

- c) There were several concerns regarding Devoe Park. Reseeding is one issue throughout the parks overall. Joe shared that reseeding would be in parts since there is so much parkland involved. Only the most needed will be attended at first. Recommendations for reseeding will be reviewed.
  - 1. The basketball courts are in dire need of repair with cracks throughout and an uneven surface leading to puddles. It was suggested that reseeding in the park may prevent erosion in that spot. Joe said he will look into the situation.
  - 2. The problem of dumping garbage from local businesses was brought up. Enforcement is needed to correct this condition. Working cameras would also be a deterrent. A discussion about cameras ensued with no solution at this time.
  - 3. It was recommended that the priorities for CB 7 be reviewed to include the Devoe Park concerns.
- d) Tree Removal: Joe Magneri spoke about tree removal and distributed a booklet on the Tree Management Program issued by the Parks department. Joe also suggested that if there is a hazardous tree that needs removal call 311 to receive a complaint number and send it to him with the address and picture of the tree. Complaints of broken sidewalks due to tree overgrowth go to DOT.

**V. Discussion on next month's agenda**

- a) Forestry and Tree Removal
- b) Protocol and Parks' Permits

**VI. Next month's meeting date:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019

**VII. Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.