

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2006  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE  
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Nicole Stent  
Robert Bender  
E.A. Dennison  
Alec Diacou  
Manny Grossman  
Maria Khury  
Leon Fendley  
Susan Ellis  
Thomas Atela  
Eileen Connolly  
John Ward  
Margot Perron

**AFFILIATION**

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**New Administrator for Van Cortlandt Park**

Margot Perron, the new Administrator for Van Cortlandt Park was introduced. Ms. Perron has a history in the Bronx. She was an education director at Wave Hill. We welcome working with Ms. Perron.

**Manny Grossman accepted the position of co-chair of the Parks Committee**

**Reconstruction of Van Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds Scope Meeting**

The Parks Department provided a brief review of the reconstruction of Van Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds Scope meeting. The minutes from the scope meeting are available in the Board office. The scope meeting is the first of several process meetings that will take place to review the plan for the parade grounds. Future meetings will discuss more process issues such as what kind of turf will be used, how the track will be re-done and what concessions will be offered, to name a few. The timeline is a phased approach and there will be some loss of seasons for some leagues. This will be discussed with the various leagues and groups that will be affected by this reconstruction. As a result of the scope meeting the Parks department discovered that comfort stations were an important issue to the community and will be discussed in future meetings. Comfort stations cost about \$1 million much of which is spent on infrastructure.

**Presentation on Shindler field Reconstruction**

A presentation on the reconstruction of Schindler field specified how the ball field would be reconstructed: The plans include new bleachers, new dugouts, irrigation work, re-pavement of the asphalt path, repairs to busted pipes, a new clay infield and some pruning and cutting of trees in the area. There are two fields involved in this reconstruction, the south field which has better playability and can be used for tournaments and the north field.

**North Riverdale Baseball League**

Mr. Ward, president of NRBL clarified that both Borough President Carrion and Councilman Koppell contributed \$50,000 each or \$100,000 toward the Sid Augurton field. However, the Caryl Field and Kelly Fields need very serious work. The League plans to request additional funding in the New Year from the City officials.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 in the Board office.

Nicole Stent  
Chairperson  
Parks & Recreation Committee

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