

Spiegel has consistently supported cricket



Borough Commissioner Julius Spiegel was described as the greatest commissioner in Brooklyn by Roy Sweeney, president of the United Cricket Promoters Association, while introducing him for induction into the Cricket Hall of Fame, at ceremonies held at the Hartford/Marriott Hotel, Windsor, Connecticut, Saturday, October 2. "We must give good credit to those who help to keep the game alive," he said.

One of the original and longest serving borough commissioners, Spiegel has consistently supported the sport of cricket. It was at his direction that the City of New York constructed the first field designed exclusively for cricket at the Gateway Estates.

In his reply, following his induction into the Hall of Fame, Spiegel said that it was not an easy task to get the field built, revealing at the same time that another field is on the drawing boards. He said that building of the field was the highlight of his career and advised the people who participate in the sport to stay focused and to get young people involved so that they can learn about their heritage and keep it up. "Don't let petty jealousies and rivalries kill your sport," he advised

Through his supervision every effort was made to ensure that cricket players had access to fields at Marine Park, Canarsie Park and Monroe Cohen Park in Brooklyn.

A tireless advocate for all of Brooklyn green spaces, Commissioner Spiegel has worked with elected officials to successfully obtain over \$500 million in capital funds. Under his leadership, Parks and Recreation renovated and restored Ocean Parkway and Eastern Parkway, primed every street tree in the borough, created Brooklyn's first skate park at Owl's Head Park, created the Salt Field, Rod Hook field and Dyker Park, and renovated the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, Metropolitan Pool, and the Fort Hamilton Senior Center. Spiegel has also worked on the revitalization of the famous Coney Island, securing \$25 million in capital funding, organizing new programming and procuring new amenities for the Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk.