

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes January 2020
Meeting Held on January 29, 2020
Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
JC Brotherhood
Carolyn Cairns
Bert Hughes

7:00 PM Meeting Starts

Improvements to Marina: Jim attended the Park Conservancy meeting and discussed the Conservancy helping out with planned beautification of the area around the new pedestrian bridge. The Conservancy was receptive to donating flowers to the area. The Parks Commission will discuss with Marcy Denker.

Marina: River Club RFP: There was also discussion of developing a secondary plan for the site formerly occupied by the River Club, since there have so far been no responses to the RFP for that space. The Commission will reach out to the Village to get more info to see if a revision of the RFP is planned, and to see if an engineering report has determined if the pilings could support a deck for use as a possible platform for a pop-up seasonal Tiki Bar or food shack. There was some discussion if the area should be leveled, with the removal of the pilings.

Marina Kiosk and Kayak Rack: The kiosk has been relocated, and it's been suggested that the kayak rack also be moved to the area just east of the new pedestrian bridge, where it wouldn't obstruct the view of the inlet and river. Discussion of how difficult this will be, will reach out to the Village to discuss.

Status of pedestrian bridge: Construction has started, with completion schedule for Spring 2020. Village is waiting for a barge to arrive to drive the pilings needed to anchor the bridge. The bridge is relatively flat to ensure ADA accessibility.

Marina Parking: The Parks Commission is concerned about parking in the marina once the new pedestrian bridge is completed, since the master plan for the park calls for all the parking in Memorial Park to be removed except for seven handicapped spaces. The parking area in the marina needs to be reassessed to accommodate parking for Memorial Park, as well as for seasonal slips renters, boats and trailers using the launch ramp, and those engaged in human-powered recreational facilities. Will discuss possibility of restriping with the Village.

Memorial bench for Jerry Donnellan: Bert mentioned that the NY Housing Authority is looking to honor Jerry's contributions to that organization with a memorial bench in

Memorial Park. Jim mentioned that the Nyack Park Conservancy, which Jerry helped to found, is also interested in doing something similar. A veteran's group is also looking to honor Jerry with a plaque at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Main Street. These efforts need to be coordinated.

Launch Ramp and Fees: It was suggested that there needs to be better monitoring of boat ramp use fees, as well as enforcement. JC suggested that the penalties for non-payment should be increased to encourage compliance, Jim suggested perhaps cameras could also help. The Parks Commission will discuss with the Village.

Memorial Park Children's Playground Book Library: It was noted that a lending book library, part of a wider Village initiative, has been placed in the children's playground in Memorial Park. This wasn't run through the Parks Commission, there are questions if the location inside the playground is a good one, since kids may climb on it and the Commission isn't sure of the sturdiness/safety of the installation.

Docent Position & Guidebook: The Parks Commission will continue discussions about having a parks docent on hand to provide information and history on the park and marina.

Path in Memorial Park near the Crowther Memorial. It was suggested that this path needs improvement and/or remediation, as the slab is now a tripping hazard and some areas of this path are subject to erosion. The Commission will discuss with Marcy Denker to see if there has been any movement on this idea.

Wall at the end of Spear Street: Carolyn noted that part of the wall at the foot of Spear Street that's been closed off going into the marina parking lot is in a state of disrepair. Jim noted that the stairs leading down to the parking lot have needed repair. The Commission will look to see the status of the wall and stairs to see if repairs are needed, and it is the responsibility of the Spear Street restaurant or the Village.

8:15 PM Meeting adjourned