

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes December 2019
Meeting Held on December 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
JC Brotherhood
Carolyn Cairns
Marie Lorenzini, Village Board Parks Liaison

7:00 PM Meeting Starts

DEC Wash Box for Boaters Using the Launch. JC is moving forward with the installation of a wash box near the marina launch for boaters to clean up vegetation and other natural debris clinging to the boat's hull and sides. This is designed to limit the spread of invasive species. JC is working with the Village to determine the best location, with installation planned late spring.

Improvements to Marina: The Parks Commission will be looking at several improvements to the marina for next season. These include beautification of the area around the new pedestrian bridge, adding benches and seating, and tying in any new improvements to consideration of a waterfront resiliency plan. Village is also looking at remedying the flooding that occurs just outside the fencing around the marina, mainly at the northern end of the parking area near the ramp.

There was also discussion of developing a secondary plan for the site formerly occupied by the River Club if there are no acceptable responses to the RFP for that space. It was suggested that the Parks Commission discuss the engineering report with the Village to determine if the pilings could support a deck for use as a possible platform for a pop-up seasonal Tiki Bar or food shack.

Dredging: There was also some discussion of dredging in the marina, which will need to be done periodically. Since much of the cost is actually related to the transport of the fill once it's removed, it was suggested that the Parks Commission talk to the DEC to see if it's possible to simply repurpose the fill elsewhere rather than having it carted/barged away.

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.

Status of pedestrian bridge: Construction has started, with completion schedule for Spring 2020. 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. The parking areas need 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. Perhaps a restriping of the parking lot is in order to maximize parking efficiency.

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.

Improved Signage: There was continued discussion of providing better—and consistent—signage in Memorial Park and the Marina, as well as elsewhere in the Village. There was also a mention of “wayfinding,” which is utilizing signage and information systems to guide visitors through various routes and destinations in the Village, including the park and marina. Given the expected high cost, it was suggested that sponsorship opportunities might be utilized to help defray costs. The Parks Commission would like to receive info the Village has already received about wayfinding so as to provide alternatives.

Waterfront Resiliency: The Parks Commission continued discussion of developing a waterfront resiliency plan to inform any new developments and improvements in the Memorial Park and the Marina. This could be a meaningful task for the Parks Commission’s Waterfront Committee in 2020.

Memorial Park Children’s Playground: The Parks Commission will check with the Village to see what type of inspection is done in the spring to determine any improvements/repairs that need to be made, to both equipment and ground cover/fill to ensure safety.

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.

8:15 PM Meeting adjourned