

Nyack Parks Meeting: 05/31/22

Members in attendance:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Carolyn Cairns
Andrea DeVitto
Marie Lorenzino
Marcy Denker, Village Sustainability Coordinator

Meeting started at 6:30 in the Marina Parking Lot

Points of Discussion:

1 — Signage in the Marina Parking Lot:

Jim noticed that during the Memorial Day Weekend there were no unoccupied parking spaces for marina slip-renters; spaces were occupied by cars without marina parking permits. A suggestion to change the signs on the marina fence that indicate these spots are reserved on weekends for marina slip renters with parking passes to weekend and holidays.

2 — Ask the village when the marina parking attendant will start, and what will be the hours.

3 — The new walkways in the marina have been completed.

There are now sidewalks that run from the pedestrian bridge, west down the side of the parking lot along the inlet, and then across to western edge of the marina slip basin. Discussion with Marcy about how to beautify the areas along the new walkway. LED lighting to be added to the bridge and new walkways.

4— Possible tree donation in Memorial Park.

Mara D'Auria approached the village and Parks Commission about donating a tree or bench as a memorial to former Nyack resident Josh Friedrich. Continued discussion about which option would be the most appropriate; if a bench, it's possible that there could also be a tree as part of the tree program. Als will consider best location.

5 — Possible chess table/benches. The village received a call about the possible donation of a heavy-duty chess table and bench. Parks Commission discussed possible locations with Marcy, there appears to be a good location along the brook area. Will continue discussions.

6 — New playground equipment. The village has received grants that will allow for the children's playground to receive a solid rubber surface, replacing the mulch. It also received funding to create an ADA compliant walkway running from outside the children's playground to the splash pad area. In addition to being ADA compliant, a solid rubber surface in the playground is both safer and requires less maintenance. Grant may also provide either new or replacement equipment in the playground. Discussion about whether to keep a sandbox, will do outreach to parents about pros/cons.

7 — BBQs in the park/marina. Andrea noticed that people had erected shade tents and barbecues along the narrow strip of bulkhead along the river in the marina. BBQs are prohibited in both the marina and Memorial Park for safety reasons; there has already been damage to picnic tables in the park, as people have put them on tables that melt under the heat. Asking the village to reinforce this prohibition.

8 — Food trucks. Question about allowing food trucks to use park electrical to curb noise pollution from the use of gasoline generators. Question about reimbursement for electrical use.

9. Question from March about adding electric vehicle charging stations in the marina. Commission was generally in favor, Jim suggested perhaps the westernmost area of the marina parking lot against the wall as a possible location.

10. Park and marina benches need repainting. Bert noticed that many need some TLC, perhaps a project for schools or BOCES?

11 — Barrier for the kayaks: move the large wood railroad tie back into the lot, perpendicular with the right side of the entrance to the marina, to block parking close to the kayak racks.

7:15 Meeting adjourned.