

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes April 2021
Meeting Held April 28, 2021
Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Carolyn Cairns
Jordan Turner

7:00 PM Meeting (Virtual via Zoom)

Memorial Park: The Village reached out to the Parks Commission for an opinion about whether handicapped parking in Memorial Park should be allowed this summer. There was some debate, with some citing safety concerns about having cars back in the park, enforcement issues, etc., while others noted that the even park's master plan calls for the removal of all parking except for seven handicapped slots.

Carolyn also brought up the issue of whether there should also be short-term parking allowed in the park for parents with small children who might find it difficult to get them, and strollers, across the foot bridge., or who only needed a limited amount of time in/n the playground. There was a good amount of debate whether or not getting across the footbridge constitutes a real difficulty for parents. One possibility raised was to have limited-term parking along Depew Street, though it might be difficult to reserve those spaces only for parents with small kids.

The Village also asked the Parks Commission about a vendor placing a snack vending machine in the park. After much discussion, it was agreed that vending machines weren't appropriate for the park and that it would be better to encourage more food trucks in the parking, with rotating vendors for a wider assortment of cuisine types.

There was also again discussion about visitors continuing to feed the ducks, despite signs prohibiting such. The group will move ahead with some ideas for new signage that explains why ducks shouldn't be fed bread and other types of food, along with a list of items that they could safely eat, would do a better job encouraging compliance. There was some discussion about having a vending machine that could dispense appropriate snacks for water fowl.

One of the commissioners also mentioned that during the past weekend there were children playing soccer in the waterplay area, which could possibly damage either the surface or equipment. It was suggested that the village place signs letting people know that no activities except use of the sprinklers was permitted in that area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

