

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes March 2021
Meeting Held April 2, 2021
Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Carolyn Cairns
Andrea DeVitto
Jordan Turner

6:30 PM Meeting in Memorial Park Starts

Marina: Continuing discussions about whether the current prohibition against parking in the park itself would continue after the coronavirus pandemic was over. More discussion with Village to follow concerning availability of handicapped parking, possible drop-off and turnaround zones for families taking kids to the playground or splashpad once they're again open.

There was also some discussion about metered parking in the marina to encourage turnover, and whether there should be handicapped parking allowed in Memorial Park, which is now closed to all vehicular traffic. There was also a proposal about offering a Nyack residents parking pass or stickers that would offer access to some parking areas.

There was also a question about whether the kayak racks were being moved, but it appears that they will stay in place for this season. The village may decide to add an additional rack for storage.

Memorial Park: There was some discussion about whether or not the grassy area west of the gazebo, which is fairly barren now, would be reseeded. It would likely need to be tilled and have a decent amount of topsoil placed for the grass to take hold.

Since the meeting was held in the park, it was noticed that visitors continue to feed the ducks, despite signs prohibiting such. The group agreed that better signage, explaining why ducks shouldn't be fed bread and other types of food, and perhaps a list of items that they could safely eat, would do a better job encouraging compliance.

The Garden Club had emailed Jim about getting some topsoil and mulch for the Butterfly Garden, an annual request. Jim noted that he spoke with Ann Marie Tlsty, assistant Village administrator, who arranged for delivery the following week.

There were also questions about whether there will be Music on the Hudson concerts this summer (most likely), when the park bathrooms will be opened (when all the staff are vaccinated), and if there would be 4th of July fireworks this year (still undecided).

Meeting adjourned 7:25