

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes May 2021
Meeting Held May 29, 2021
Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Carolyn Cairns
Andrea DeVitto

7:00 PM Meeting (in Memorial Park)

Memorial Park: Jim reported seeing off-road motorcycles and ATVs riding across the field in Memorial Park. Will report to the Village Board to notify Orangetown police.

There was also some conversation about loud music being played in the park, and whether this was an annoyance to those looking for a quieter experience in the park. There was some discussion about whether the Village should ban amplified music in the park except for permitted events.

There were also questions raised about whether the Village will have fireworks on the 4th of July, and whether the Park Conservancy will be holding Music on the Hudson this summer on Tuesday evenings. Jim, a board member of the Conservancy, said the group is looking to hold four or five Music on the Hudson shows this summer, pending approval from the Village Board. He will get a confirmation about fireworks, but believes the Village is looking to hold them on the 4th following whatever CDC and health guidelines are available at that time.

The Village is also looking to open the splash pad/waterplay feature soon.

Carolyn noted that there is currently one food truck in the park, with a very loud compressor that's running for several hours. Carolyn asked if it could somehow be quieted—perhaps connected to back-up electric—as the loud sound is quite pervasive and carries for a considerable distance. Jim noted that the truck, which had been parked on the road near the inlet, has moved onto the grass on the other side of the park near the brook, which is disturbing both those who like to sit or picnic in that area, as well as the nearby homeowners. There was also a question if a truck should be allowed to park on the grass rather than on a paved area, which is now considerable since no parking is allowed in Memorial Park. Jim will bring up the issue with the village administrator.

Marina: Since the meeting was held in the marina, the Commission noted that the reserved parking for marina slip renters had been removed, and that it appeared that parking meters are being installed. Checking with the village, the board has agreed to institute metered parking in the marina to encourage turnover. With the summer approaching, the marina parking now

needs to support multiple interests, including the Spear Street restaurant and Nyack Seaport, permitted parking, marina slip renters, boaters using the launch ramp and storing their trailers, kayakers, those visiting Memorial Park, and those simply coming to the marina and its amenities. So, it was an effort to prevent people from “dumping” their cars in the marina for extended periods and freeing up spaces for those actually trying to use the marina and Memorial Park. Slip renters will no longer get reserved parking, but having parking passes that will allow them to park without paying the meters, since the slip rental fee includes parking.

There was also some discussion about the number of cars parked at the marina that are idling for extended periods of time. Jim who rents a slip in the marina, also noted that some of the idling vehicles are blasting music with the windows open, which is annoying to those relaxing on boats in the marina who would prefer the sound of lapping waves to competing waves of amplified music.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.