

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes July 2020
Meeting Held on July 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
JC Brotherhood

5:45 PM Meeting Starts

Meeting held via Google Meet early so Parks Commissioners could attend the Village Board workshop via Zoom

Marina: Both JC and Jim have noticed jet skis launching in the Nyack marina, which is prohibited. There was also a jet ski in a slip in the marina, also not allowed. The issue was raised with Village Administrator Jim Politi, who said the jet ski was removed from the marina slip.

However, the Village is revisiting its ban on jet skis either using the launch facilities or being able to obtain seasonal slip rentals, which will be the focus of the Village Board workshop later this evening. JC said he'd like to get a clarification from the Village Attorney as to the language of the prohibition to see if it specifically identified jet skis, or if it was powered watercraft 14 feet and smaller. Jim noted that based on his experience in other marinas and waterfront communities, the operation of jet skis in and around marinas can have a significant impact on quality-of-life issues due to noise, excessive speed, as well as possible conflicts with human-powered watercraft such as kayaks and canoes.

New Marina Bridge to Memorial Park: It was noted that the bridge is now open, and that areas of the marina parking have been restriped. However, Bert said that he noticed that the parking slots were angle *away* from a view of the river instead of toward it, which seemed like a more natural orientation for people wanting views of the river from their cars.

There was also some discussion about visiting the marina to check the locations of the handicapped parking spots, when the eco docks could be moved out of the marina so that boat trailers could park at the western area of the parking lot out of the way of traffic, and the possible relocation of the kayak racks to the other side of the launch ramp.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 for commissioners to attend the Village Board workshop.

