

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes September 2020
Meeting Held on September 30, 2020
Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present via Zoom:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
JC Brotherhood
Carolyn Cairns

7:00 PM Meeting Starts

Meeting held in the Nyack Marina

Marina Committee Report: Based on the research and recommendation report issued to the Village by the Parks Commission on allowing personal watercraft (PWC, i.e. jet skis) to berth and launch from the Nyack Marina, the Village will be revising its code. The Parks Commission recommended that the Village maintain its prohibition against allowing PWC to launch and operate in the marina for several reasons, including safety and the fact that allowing such vehicles was inconsistent with the goals of both the Village's master plan for the park and marina, as well as the local waterfront revitalization plan.

It was also suggested by JC Brotherhood that seasonal slip renters have, and display, proper boat registrations as a condition of renting a slip. It was also suggested that once proof of registration was demonstrated, the Village could provide a sticker for boats as proof of satisfying registration and insurance requirements, as well as payment.

Other marina activity: The railing of the new bridge joining the marina with Memorial Park needs to be extended for safety reasons. A more permanent solution will replace the current plastic webbing that's now in place.

There was also a discussion of renovating the area formerly occupied by the River Club restaurant. Options, which will be discussed with the village, include flush-cutting the current pilings and filling the area with gravel, or erecting a low wooden platform/boardwalk in that area. The concept would be to create sittings areas and picnic tables with scenic waterfront views to attract either food trucks or a pop-up restaurant to that area.

Policing of Memorial Park: There was a short discussion about joining the Village's meetings with the Orangetown Police to discuss issues in the park, as have been mentioned previously. It was also suggested that a member of the Orangetown PD could

be invited to attend a Parks Commission meeting to discuss issue and learn more about OPD patrols.

Parking in Memorial Park: A question was raised if the prohibition against parking in the park itself would continue after the coronavirus pandemic was over, perhaps for handicapped parking. The Commission will discuss it with the Village.