

Nyack Park Commission Minutes February 2022

Nyack Parks Meeting: 02/28/23

Members in attendance:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughs
Carolyn Cairns
Andrea DeVitto

Meeting started at 7:00 (virtual)

Points of Discussion:

Village Grants for Memorial Park

Received summary memo from Village Administrator Andy Stewart.

The Village has obtained three grants from Rockland County for improvements at Memorial Park from Rockland County, based on grant applications for eligible county ARPA funds for parks and green space improvements.

Both the village Parks Commission and the Parks Conservancy advised on the grant applications and overall planning process, and support letters were obtained from a wide range of local organizations.

The Village will hold a workshop to discuss use of the following funds

- \$200,000 for improved ADA pathways from driveway to bathrooms, playground and splash pad, as well as a new driveway gate that will provide for pedestrian access while excluding vehicles.
- \$200,000 for improved playground equipment and water fountain.
- \$158,000 for improved lawn between gazebo and stairway, plus rehabilitation of grass on Great Lawn.
- A grant request (NYS CFA application) for a waterfront walkway linking the marina bridge to the fishing pier, and for repaving the marina parking lot, was rejected. The Village will re-apply.

Other discussions:

Baseball Field: Parks Commission and Little League both recommend retaining and rehabbing the existing baseball field. Also, recommendation is to convert the entire infield to clay for ease of maintenance. Nyack Valley Cottage Little League provided feedback and support to planning process.

Pathway alignment question: The current gravel path cuts across the middle of the lawn and is needed for routine vehicle access for park maintenance. The Master Plan called for this path to be moved to the northern perimeter of the lawn area, a design question that needs resolution and may add some cost.

New marina parking lot striping: The village will restripe the “No Parking” areas again, and in the areas near the new kayak racks and boat launches change No Parking to No Standing. There will also be new parking spaces along the inlet, since the kayak racks were moved closer to the marina fence and launch ramp. Areas near the marina gates will be striped “No Parking” to allow ingress/egress.

New Marina Walkway: Construction is expected to start no later than June. Walkway will run west along the inlet from the bridge, and then cross north along the western marina fence.