

**Nyack Parks Commission Minutes**  
**August 29, 2012 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes taken by Marcy Denker**

**Park Commissioners present:**

Jim Willcox Chair  
Bert Hughes  
Marcy Denker  
Steve Guarascio  
Carolyn Cairns

**1. Park Events**

**A. – Noise:** Discussion of recent gospel concert with extremely high sound levels. Question: Who is in charge of enforcing maximum sound levels? What does the permit say? Proposal: Buy a low cost SPL (sound pressure level) meter and have the applicant agree that a designated person will test the sound level at set-up time. Jim will contact Mary White to get a copy of the permit.

**B. Parking Safety/Fire Safety:** Bert noted that during busy evenings the parking lot has cars triple parked creating an unsafe condition especially in case an emergency vehicle needs access.

**C. Auxiliary Police Proposal:** The village should have a police or auxiliary police during large events.

**2. Park Management**

**A-Bathrooms at the Park**

**Question:** How can the bathrooms be open, clean and safe without management? Proposal: Have bathrooms open until at least 8 pm. Hire someone 3 hours each night as a “consultant.” to oversee the park and bathrooms. Question: Can the agency that cleans VH clean the bathrooms? It was noted that park is unsafe early am as well as pm. Proposal: Develop a job description for a couple of part time workers who can open and close bathrooms and take on some other green activities in the park, marina, and village. (Seek funding from a variety of sources.)

**B. Park Safety** Steve noted that the park appears to be unsafe in the early morning.

It was suggested that having dogs in the park in the early morning was positive from this angle. But having dogs running free was a problem because they defecate etc. Proposal: Revisit this and consider the early morning needs in the park in the overall discussion of a job description for parks, marina, and other village green areas.

**4. Recreation Director**

The VB plans to hire a Recreation Director. Question: What is the job description and salary? Also, how will that affect communications between the Parks Commission and the Village Board?

## **5. Pier Activity**

Commission would like to know the status of the pier repairs.

## **6. Marina**

**A. Operation** Marcy asked Guy Keifer and Bob Squeo (at the last minute) if they would like to come and talk about how things are going with marina operation, but they couldn't. It was suggested that we arrange to meet casually in the near future. Marcy mentioned that the bathrooms at the marina are only open during the restaurant hours and that according to Guy, there are still problems with RRA interfering with boater access.

**B. RRA** New revised proposal for a larger, more permanent boat storage structure will be presented at the ARB and Planning Board meetings in September. Marcy noted that the existing trees are not shown on the architect's plan, which also doesn't have a scale or overall context shown in a way that makes it clear what the impacts would be. Several PC members plan to attend these meetings.

**C. Marina Public Planning Process and Parking Analysis** These need to be done. Proposal: Discuss initiating a public outreach process for visioning the marina at the upcoming VB workshop.

## **7. Playground Update**

The Village has paid for swings and teeter totter... Need to fund larger piece of equipment. . Steve has spoken to several parents on forming a committee. There is concern about the group's efforts being wasted without direct access to a board member. Steve has an upcoming meeting with Jen White to review. All noted that the playground should be priority. Jen M is a great resource. Bert recommended asking Friends of the Nyacks for help. Suggestions for financing: Kaboom, Kickstarter.

## **8. Children's Garden**

Marcy met with landscape designer Anne Welles, who was involved with the concept plan process and was on the committee for the children's garden (which met several times). Anne and Marcy suggest that a location near the playground would be better and will plan to make the case in more detail later.

## **9. Funding**

Marcy would like to find out how to take on a greater role in the Parks Conservancy to seek funding for various green initiatives in the park and elsewhere in the village.

**8:30 Meeting adjourned.**