

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes

April 24, 2013 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes taken by James Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox, Chair

Bert Hughes

Steve Guarascio

Carolyn Nunley Cairns

Marcy Denker

Randy Rand

Marianne Olive

Marie Lorenzini, Village Board Liaison

1. Youthfest/Game of S.K.A.T.E

The Skatepark Committee is organizing an event in Riverspace parking lot on June 22nd. The event will combine a YouthFest with a HORSE-like Game of Skate competition. There will be a learn-to-skate area for kids, plus other activities and booths.

2. Memorial Day Event.

Marie Lorenzini mentioned that the veterans will be moving their event, which had occurred in previous years at the VFW hall on Piermont Avenue, to Memorial Park following the Veterans Day Parade. The event will be from 12pm to 2pm, various activities were discussed. More details will come.

3. Playground Committee has been established.

The group ran its first fundraiser at the Nyack Center on April 6th, which was a success. Several additional events are planned, including a Nyack Park Conservancy cocktail reception/gala at an estate on North Broadway in Upper Nyack. Steve Guarascio is talking with a kickboxing group that has expressed interest in running a fundraising effort (Kickathon) for the children's playground.

4. Children's Playground:

Discussion continues about suitable fill/surfacing materials to replace the rubber mulch currently in use. Steve has received samples of an engineered wood product that is 100-percent virgin wood, aesthetically pleasing, does not off gas (like the current rubber mulch), and is dramatically expensive. It is also reportedly ADA compliant, and could be bonded with a urethane-base agent to create a solid surface if desired/required for pathways. More information is coming.

5. Grants.

The group agreed to combine efforts with both the Village grant writer and the Skatepark Committee to discuss available grants, and whether writing a single grant for both the playground and skatepark would be more beneficial and result in greater grant amounts. The groups agreed to set a meeting date.

6. Water fountain:

Bert Hughes discussed plans to replace the non-working water fountain in the upper area of Memorial Park. Bert found someone who can do the masonry work, with labor donated free and materials cost under \$1,000. This will be discussed with the Village Board.

7. **Park maintenance:** the Park landscaping RFP is up; there was discussion that the Village or Parks Commission should create an ongoing plan for maintenance of the lawn, trees, etc, within the park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.