

**Nyack Parks Commission Minutes**  
**June 26, 2013**  
**Meeting Minutes taken by James Willcox**

**Park Commissioners present:**

Jim Willcox, Chairman  
Steve Guarascio  
Randy Rand

**7:00 Meeting begins**

**Children's Playground Update:** The Park Conservancy has raised in excess of \$100,000, and will now begin to look for a playground designer. The group Bert has formed a Playground Design Committee, chaired by Jim Willcox and Jeanine Maupin, which is tasked with finding and interviewing playground designers and making a recommendation to the Conservancy. The Conservancy also formed a Playground Equipment Committee, which is chaired by Steve Guarascio. Since both chairs are also Parks Commissioners, there will be regular progress reports/updates to the Parks Commission.

The current plan is to choose a playground designer and receive a playground plan by late August or early September. The plan will be discussed by the Parks Commission, the Park Conservancy, and the Village Board, and a presentation of the plan will be made before the public at a workshop in Village Hall in September. If the plan is accepted without major revisions, work on the playground will begin this fall, with completion either later this year or early next spring.

**Water feature:** The Parks Commission would like to understand exactly what is wrong with the current children's sprinkler. Members have heard the issue ranges from clogged pipes to failed pumps. Jim Willcox will contact the DPW to see if they have evaluated the sprinklers, or if the Village has had an engineer look at the problem. The Conservancy may be willing to foot the cost of a simple repair to get the sprinklers activated during this inordinately hot summer.

**Marina/docks:** There is a question as to whether or not the marina will be open this year. The latest word is that the Village expects to receive a FEMA grant and possibly insurance money to repair damage from the hurricane, especially at the north end near the River Club restaurant. There was also a question of what is going on with the public dock adjacent to the Claremont, which was also damaged by the hurricane and is now closed. Jim said he would talk to the mayor to get an update.

**River Rowing Association:** There was repair work done to the RRA eco dock in the marina, but apparently it also sustained worse-than-expected damage. In addition, there was a question as to whether the increased Hudson River traffic caused by the Tappan Zee Bridge project would create a safety issue for its rowers. As a result, the RRA has put its plans for a temporary facility within the marina on hold and has signed an agreement for use of an area at Rockland Lake for its crewing activities.

**8:00 Meeting adjourned.**