

# Nyack Parks Commission Minutes

May 29, 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

- 1. Playground Initiative.** The Nyack Park Conservancy will be holding its first big fundraiser on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Iris Estate in Upper Nyack. The money raised—estimated to be around \$20,000—will be used to help pay for the first planned phase of the renovation of the children’s playground of Memorial Park.
- 2. Youthfest/Game of S.K.A.T.E**  
The Skatepark Committee is organizing an event in Riverspace parking lot on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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. The Skatepark Committee is developing an RFP for the playground design, which will be approved by the Village Board.
- 3. Playground Fountain.** Bert provided an update on plans to repair/replace the water fountain on the upper level of Memorial Park, which has fallen into a state of disrepair. Joe Thomas, a mason, is familiar with the fountain and the water lines in the park and has agreed to do the stonework. Bert had donated a water fountain to replace the broken one near the bathroom, but a different one was chosen. It could possibly be used here. Different designs have been mentioned, including one with a place for storage, and there was a discussion about possibly relocating the fountain to a nearby location where it might make more sense, but it needs to be determined if it fits into landscaping designs.
- 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. Steve has received quotes from three companies to remove the current rubber mulch, but has contacted the DPW to see if it could handle this work and get an estimate of the cost. There is still a discussion about reselling the purchased children’s equipment that is currently in storage, and use that money to buy more design-appropriate equipment for the revitalized Memorial Park.

5. **Native Plant Initiative:** March discussed an effort to introduce native plants Memorial Park over the next few months with the intent on increasing the biodiversity within the park and provide a supporting habitat for insects that help support the food chain. More info to come
6. **Earth Day.** Marianne discussed plans for increasing the scope of Nyack's Earth Day event, with more activities in town and in the park. There was also talk of holding a street fair during Earth day to increase traffic and visibility. More discussions to come, including one with Melody Partrick, the new village rec director

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**