

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes
Meeting Minutes taken by Chrissy Place

December 4, 2013

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox (JW)
Bert Hughes (BH)
Steve Guarascio (SG)
Randy Rand (RR)
Carolyn Cairns (CC)
Chrissy Place (CP)

7:00 PM Meeting begins

Playground Update:

1. *Demolition-* JW reported that the DPW work to remove the fill and black fabric liner was completed in the playground area. The fencing was also to be removed and the area closed off to the public. A public notice/poster was to be created by the Village advising public of the parks closure during the demolition and renovation period.
2. *Public Restrooms-* Jim Politi sent an email to the committee soliciting opinions on whether or not the parks restrooms should remain open during the renovations. The recommendation was to keep the facilities open as the park is used for other recreation and it is the only public restroom in the area. If the restrooms must close an alternate facility should be arranged.
3. *Lighting-* A CAD file is still needed of the park to have a blueprint of the lighting placement. Adding security cameras to the lighting plan was discussed as a means to deter crime and mitigate vagrancy/vandalism concerns.
4. *Site Plans-* JW reported that total cost budget for the playground plan is \$100k, of which \$20k is currently allocated for the toddler play. Plans for the area toddler area have been reviewed. The plan for two Wendy Houses came in at \$9,450 (4.5k each) leaving 11k remainder for the other work. It was suggested by BH that we look into getting volunteer carpenters to build the houses to save on costs. Suggestion was made to reach out to the BOCES program. Remaining cost budget is \$80k.
 - a. Site work will hopefully come in under \$20k. May solicit multiple bids or do an RFP to see if reasonable. CP to send JW list of local landscape/contractors.
5. *Game Time Credit-* SG reported that he has made email contact with Game Time regarding return of donated piece of equipment. JW will send a follow up email on receiving a credit in

and consideration of other products Game Time has to offer. Potential for a piece of equipment that is wheel chair accessible from the surface path.

6. *Gazebo*- JW will get an update from Jim Politi on the moving of the gazebo.

Nyack Parks Commission Inspection Checklist:

CC provided a draft of the checklist to the committee for discussion and a number of edits/suggestions for changes were made. Un updated version will be circulated to the committee by CC. The committee discussed a need to make this a shared and accessible document so that the findings of the reviewers can be compiled. Using a Google Docs repository was suggested as a means of maintaining and sharing the data. The village board currently has an account and we could see if it is possible to make use of it. The group agreed that the commission members would regularly inspect and report their findings using the checklist so that regular feedback can be provided to the village board.

1. The checklist was updated to include the following criteria for evaluation: Bathrooms, Toilets, Sinks, Hand Dryer, Changing Table, Cleanliness, Water Fountain, Lawns/Trees, Weeds, Trash Receptacles, Lighting, Benches, Fencing, Gazebo, Graffiti, Illegal Activity Observed and Other.
2. The Marina and Boat Launch will be included in the checklist in the future but right now remains NA on the list.
3. This will be a working document and the checklist will be updated as the playground/park plans develop.

Marina/Boat Launch:

1. *Marina*- JW reported that there was no update from the Village on the plans for the marina. FEMA funds were received but because of the TZB construction there was no decisions made on the future plans. BH made a recommendation that the Village should not entertain the idea of using the marina for any non-public use. After discussion among the group it was recommended that the Parks Commission have an input on the marina development once the Villages intentions are known.
2. *Boat Launch*- a unanimous recommendation was made by the group to have an adequate sized non-powered vessel launch in the existing launch location.

New Business

Marina: The group requested an update on the Village progress with the Tan/Wax water rights deed and progress on the bridge plans.

8:15 Meeting adjourned