

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes February 25, 2015
Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

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Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Steve Guarascio

7:00 PM Meeting begins

Playground: Fencing issue discussed. Jim had reached out to the mayor and village administrator to set up a meeting to discuss playground fencing, as it is unclear what will actually be fenced in. At the prior meeting, it appeared the village intended to extend the playground fence to the basketball court, with a corridor between the two accessed via gates on either side. The Parks Commission's outreach to parents indicates there's a preference for the playground itself to be contained, so a meeting is proposed. Jim will follow up to see if the meeting can be scheduled.

Fencing: There are also aesthetic concerns that if the playground is enclosed by a chain-link fence, there will be too much chain-link fencing in the park, given the basketball court fencing. Bert has found a supplier of wrought iron fencing that he believes can be a cost-effective alternative to chain link. He showed some attractive designs, and it can include decorative items and perhaps even include signage acknowledging those who have made contribution. But we need to determine how the playground will be enclosed in order to get the linear footage for an estimate. This will be discussed during the proposed meeting. Also, a guest during the meeting suggested that the Commission contact Dennis Henion at BOCES to see if the fence might be a project undertaken by students as a school project.

Lighting in the park: The Parks Commission is interested in working with the Energy Committee to look at grants and other subsidies to replace current lighting with more energy-efficient alternatives, such as LED and solar. The Parks Commission has done some early outreach, but feels it makes sense to coordinate activities with those also being undertaken by the Energy Committee. Steve will be reaching out to Marcy Denker to get an update. The Commission will attempt to either get a site survey of the lighting and electrical grid in Memorial Park, or see if one can be undertaken by the Village's engineers. It was also suggested that the Commission invite a representative from NYSERDA to discuss options and tactics.

Land Development on Gedney: There was some minor discussion regarding development of properties on Gedney Street near the Cleremont. The Parks Commission will ask the Village to keep the Commission apprised of discussions for that development, especially concerning the possibility of public park space near the waterfront as a condition of development.

Sidewalk: A CBDG grant will be submitted to replace some of the sidewalks along Piermont Ave., in front of the park, and down the opposite side of street (Depew) leading into the park. They will be ADA compliant and allow parents with strollers to better and more safely access the park and the playground. Bert feels strongly that there should be walkway on the park side of the road, so that families and children aren't being forced to cross a heavily trafficked road to enter the playground.

Marina: \$2.4 million from FEMA has been secured to redo the dock and bulkhead, and also to fix the walls along the stream in the south part of the park. The Village believes the marina will be dredged, with some seasonal slips available for the 2015 boating season. The Parks Commission would like to get more

information about the short- and long-term plans for the marina, as it did considerable research into the possibility of a third-party operating the marina.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.