

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes April 29, 2015
Meeting Minutes taken by Carolyn Cairns

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Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Carolyn Cairns
Randy Rand
Rodger Stevens

Also attending:

Marie Lorenzini, Village trustee and Parks Commission liaison

7:00 PM Meeting begins

Fence: After some discussion, it was agreed that the iron fencing that Bert sourced from Pennsylvania is the best option, and it's relatively inexpensive. DPW can pick up fencing in Pennsylvania. Decisions on specific style still needed. Jim spoke with some people who felt simpler design matches better the existing fencing near the bathrooms – e.g. no decorative finials in middle, and rounded tips instead of points. Jim Politi knows footage and will get detailed measurements. Discussion about the height of the fence. Four-foot height is required by risk assessment around certain perimeters with adjacency to roadways, but three-foot sections could be used along eastern part of the playground for a more open aesthetic. Some suggested that four foot sections might make more sense if cost is not an issue. Carolyn cautioned about risk of lower height being a temptation for people stepping over and damaging the fence and possibly injuring themselves, as is common with baby gates in the home.

Slide: Official opens Friday at 5:30 pm with small ceremony.

Stump: Rodger spoke with several artists about making it sculptural with a geometric design possibly incorporating a seat on the low portion. Marie clarified that as of now, it would be a volunteer job. Discussion about need for honoraria or other compensation/recognition. Possible posting of opportunity on Facebook.

Gazebo. Design suggestions. Carolyn will summarize elements we discussed and Marie will circulate pictures from presentation.

Landscaping: The group discussed the need to support the “Love Em and Leave Em” policy and incorporate sustainability into landscaping contract. Jim will draft a statement for VB expressing Commission’s strong support of this effort.

Water fountains. Group agreed it's imperative to have a working fountain. Upper level fountain is disgusting and members have repeatedly asked for it to be repaired and replaced. Bert proposes removing it and installing a new working fountain. Plumbing underneath is in working order. Jim will send an email to Jim Politi asking for a proper base for the one near the bathroom—right now it simply hangs off the wall and gets broken regularly—and to get approval to replace the one on the upper level that's defunct.

Vagrancy: Randy discussed open alcohol and drunkenness in the park, describing a recent experience where he called police who came, poured out the alcohol and removed the vagrants from the park. This is a seasonal issue that requires constant monitoring and interaction with Orangetown police. Discussion of security lighting and cameras tabled for discussion at next meeting. Steve now has a CAD drawing and will overlay as is compared to new. Hoping to have it available for the group by the next meeting.

All agreed Veterans Park locale for Earth Day event was a big success. Fall event in Memorial Park suggested as topic for next time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.