

**Nyack Parks Commission Minutes July 27, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox**

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**Park Commissioners present:**

Jim Willcox  
Steve Guarascio  
Carolyn Cairns

**7:00 PM Meeting begins**

**Park Walkthrough:** It was suggested that the Parks Commissioners regularly perform walk-throughs in Memorial park to determine what work or maintenance needs to be performed.

**Benches:** It was reported that the benches near the water-play feature are in poor condition. These benches, it is believed, are the remnants of the dugout benches for the ball field before it was relocated. It is suggested that the benches should be removed given their poor condition, but replaced as it gives parents a place to sit when their kids use the water-play feature. Consideration should be given to the possible relocation of the water-play area when it is renovated, which is a goal of both the Parks Commission and the Nyack Park Conservancy.

**Memorial Park Children's Playground:** It was suggested that the Parks Commission contact the Village Board to make sure that the playground is annually inspected to ensure safety. The fill in the playground, which provides protection against falls, needs to be regularly replenished to ensure adequate cushioning for falls. Playground equipment should also be inspected for integrity and any possible maintenance.

**Water Feature:** There were reports that the water feature wasn't operational. The Village reported that the sprinklers were working, but they had to be turned on for the sprinklers to work. Subsequent visits to the playground indicated the sprinklers were working.

**Memorial Park Parking Restrictions:** There were complaints that parking in Memorial Park was blocked throughout the whole day during some events. The Village replied that it did not close parking early on the nights for Mostly Music, but it did for movie night, though there was no explanation why it had to be closed so early.

**Hill Slide Area.** The Parks Commission has considered that the area adjacent to the hill slide could use some dressing up, especially since kids seem to prefer scrambling up the right side of the hill to taking the stairs on the left. There's also

an issue of erosion. The commission would like to determine if there could be some climbing apparatus—climbing nets, rope climbers, climbing rocks and landscape ties etc. that would encourage this use and provide some measure of safety. The Village replied that this is already under discussion with rec director Melody Partrick and Green Desk head Marcy Denker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.