

## Parks Commission Minutes December 2, 2015

Parks Commissioners Present:

Jim Willcox  
Bert Hughes  
Steve Guarascio  
Roger Stevens  
Carolyn Cairns  
Randy Rand  
Marie Lorenzini

Minutes take by Jim Willcox 7:00 PM Meeting starts.

**Children's Playground Fence Update:** Bert is working with the Village Administrator to get the final dimensions of the fence in detail. Total liners feet, footage amount for each of the four (north, south, east, west) perimeter boundaries, locations of gates, etc. Hope is that constriction of the fence can be done during the winter for spring installation.

**Marina:** Jim W. reported that the village has established a working committee to come up with ideas, plans, visions, etc., for the Nyack marina now that almost all of the repairs have been completed. Jim will check to see status of dredging that will be required before the marina can be opened. There is also a question of the status of the River Club and whether that facility would be available to a third-party marina operator should the village decide to outsource the marina operations. It seems unlikely that the Village will make any longer-term decision immediately, so the likelihood is that the marina will be operate by the village with slip rentals and boat launches. Members of the Parks Commission have expressed support for a storage and launching area for human-powered watercraft (kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, etc.), possibly with rental income for renting storage for those who'd rather keep their vessels in the marina.

**Slide and upper area of the playground:** Carolyn Cairns expressed support for checking into engineered grass or other natural ground cover/surfacing for the area on the slope above the playground where the slide is located. Jim said that based on the cost of the engineered grass that was planted/installed near the slate plaza, it would likely be prohibitively expensive. The Commission could contact Ani Adishian, who did the skate plaza landscaping, to inquire about costs or possible alternatives.

**Playground:** Parks Commission recommends that the playground be inspected in early spring to determine whether additional fill needs to be placed to ensure adequate fall protection, due to movement of fill and compaction. Effects of possible erosion both above and in the playground should be checked.

**Skate Plaza:** There was some concern that the boulders in the skate park area might be too close to the skateable areas, will monitor and see if it prevents a possible risk to skaters.

**Comprehensive Master Plan Update.** Jim briefly described first meeting, there will be a succession of public meetings to involve community in discussions about what residents would like to see included in a comprehensive master plan update. Meetings in 2016 will be held on January 13, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended 8:20 pm.