

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes
January 25, 2012 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Bert Hughes, co-chair
Jim Willcox, co-chair
Bruce Kenney
Marianne Olive

Minutes: The minutes from the January 4th meeting were approved by email. They have been posted on the Village of Nyack website.

Marina: Jim Willcox reported that the Village Board would like the Parks Commission to immediately start drafting an RFP for the outsourcing of the marina operations. Bruce volunteered to help draft the initial proposal, with some assistance from Marcy Denker and Jim Willcox. The Parks Commission is still trying to schedule meetings with Bob Squeo and Wayne Corts and a few Village Board members.

River Rowing Association: The RRA has requested a long-term lease with the Village for use of some of the marina property. All the members expressed some concern for the amount of space requested for a structure and additional parking, as well as for the 15-year lease term. A letter was sent to Mayor Jen Laird White and Trustees Knowlton and Lorenzini suggesting the Village Board hold off negotiating with the RRA until it has reached an agreement with a marina operator, and that perhaps the RRA should negotiate with the marina operator directly after an agreement has been reached.

Earth Day: Marianne Olive has started planning for Earth Day, and has scheduled a meeting with the Nyack Chamber of Commerce. Jim Willcox said that he discussed the timing of the Earth Day Green Fair with Mayor White, and it is likely that Memorial Park will not be available for the event due to seeding of the lawn area where the tennis and basketballs have been removed. It was suggested that Marianne instead consider making the Earth Day/Green Fair events part of the scheduled Street Fair, which is one week later than the proposed date.

Children's Play Park: The sandbox in the children's playground in Memorial Park has been boarded up and will not be used as a sandbox due to possible contamination of the sand. Marianne Olive suggested there may be grant money available for new equipment.

Bert Hughes also expressed disappointment that construction is currently blocking access to the children's playground, and asked that some of the materials be moved so children can use the facility while the basketball construction is underway.

Garden Club Tree. The Village Board has approved the planting of a tree by the Garden Club, as requested.

Maintenance Person: The Parks Commission will recommend that the Village hire a person to keep the park clean on a daily basis.

New business None

8:00 Meeting adjourned.