

January 2026 Nyack Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting held Feb. 2, with attendees:

Jim Willcox

Andrea DeVitto

Minerva Parker

Chris Lattanzio

Joe Carlin (Village Liaison)

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Nyack Marina Boat Ramp. There had been some discussion about the Village closing the Nyack Marina boat ramp, except for allowing slip renters to enter early in the season and then to remove boats at the end of the season. (The ramp could be used by slip renters at other times on a need basis. Jim said he hasn't heard anything yet about the village moving forward with this plan, which he opposes, but he thought the Parks Commission should be involved in the discussion and offer an opinion.

NY Forward Projects. There was a question about whether the Village was moving forward with a proposal to build a restaurant at the former River Club property in the marina. Joe Carlin said that the Village is waiting to hear from the state which projects will be funded; hopefully, the restaurant will be among the approved projects. The expectation is that a decision will be made in April.

There was a discussion about whether remediation of the ground and construction will begin immediately, and if there's an opportunity for that area to be usable in some fashion (picnic tables, food trucks, etc.) for the 2026 season if construction is delayed. There was an assumption that the Village would have to issue an RFP process for the project, which could affect start times.

Memorial Park Backstop: There's still a question about whether the Village wants to remove the baseball backstop and fencing, since there's only marginal use of the ballfield as such. Minerva noted that the backstop offers some barrier protection for both the splash pad and children's playground, and Jim noted that there have been some discussions on social media about organizing an adult kickball league. More discussions are needed with the Village.

Waterfront walkway. With preliminary designs in place, the Commission believes the project will break ground as soon as the weather allows. The goal is to have the project completed by July 3rd, which is when the 4th of July fireworks will be held this year. (Having it on the 3rd saves the village a lot of money, since there is no sponsor for the fireworks this year.) Nyack will also hold an America250 celebration to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of

Independence, so the hope is that the project won't interfere with that as well. Currently, it looks like the project will kick off in early March.

Additional park projects. Jim asked the commissioners to compile a list of all the questions they'd like the village to answer to prepare for the 2026 season. The commissioners should also compile a list of all the proposals they've heard about for new features, amenities, or activities in Memorial Park, such as pickleball courts, a bocce court, a horseshoe pit, a labyrinth, etc., and submit to the Village Board for review. Given the limited space in the park, the Commission and/or the Village should solicit community input on which amenities are most desired and feasible.

Parks Commission meeting schedule. Due to some conflicts, the Parks Commission agreed to move its meetings to the last Monday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40