

Nyack Parks Commission Meeting Minutes May 2026

Meeting held May 25th 2026

Attendees:

Jim Willcox

Andrea DeVitto

Minerva Parker

Chris Lattanzio

Joe Carlin (Village Board Liaison)

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Question about permitting large events in Memorial Park. There was a wedding last summer, the summer before, they just went down and held it without getting a permit. Then they didn't clean up afterward. Things like that, and the issue of camps busing large groups of kids into the park, have led the village to [require permits for the use of Memorial Park](#) and its facilities. The village now requires all group activities of 10 or more participants to obtain a permit from the Village Clerk, while groups of 40 or more are required to get a permit from the Village Board of Trustees.

The Parks Commission has been consistent in its belief that no groups (or individuals) should impinge on, or in any form deny, the public's access to the park and its amenities.

Marina activities. Loud noise and parties in the marina at night remain an issue for nearby residents. There has been a greater presence by the OPD, but loud cars and motorcycles still race in and around the marina, and cars are blasting music and shining headlights into the marina slip area. Jim noted that this season, the marina has fewer slip renters than he's ever seen, with the general atmosphere a likely reason. Andrea said that at 3:00 in the morning, she had to call the police because cars were blasting music so loudly that it shook her house.

The consensus is that there needs to be regular patrols, and summons for excessive speed, loud noise, illegal mufflers, etc. The village seems reluctant to install gates and close the park, except to restrict slip renters after 10 p.m. There is also the belief that a lot of these issues will be alleviated when the new restaurant opens in the former River Club space.

New marina restaurant. Question about whether NYS has officially approved the plan for a new waterfront restaurant in the marina as part of the NY Forward grant request. The initial belief was that we'd hear by mid-April, but the village expects to learn which proposals have been approved in the next few weeks.

Park plantings. A planting is proposed for this coming Saturday; there's a request for available Parks Commissioners to volunteer. Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the park.

Marina bridge access. Due to the waterfront walkway project, the bridge between the park and the marina is inaccessible at certain times. There are also other areas near the skatepark that are fenced off, but the skatepark is open. Progress on the walkway has been going great, a lot of progress. The goal is to finish by the fireworks on July 3rd.

Motorized bikes and small motorcycles. Has become an issue, with kids flying down Piermont Avenue and then onto Depew and into Memorial Park, where there should be no motorized vehicles. Often, the riders lack helmets and safety gear, and ride at excessive speeds. Jim noted that Orangetown has had similar issues on trails, which is dangerous because there is a mix of pedestrians, kids learning to ride bikes, experienced bike racers traveling at high speeds, and motorized bikes, scooters, and off-road motorcycles all operating within a finite space.

Location of new trees in Memorial Park. Commissioners noticed that a few trees have been planted toward the middle of the great lawn, near the new waterfront walkway. There had been discussions with the tree committee that trees should remain on the borders, and that these plantings were too far into the middle of the field. Will have to see if these are temporary—possibly to be replanted within the walkway—or permanent.

Meeting ends 7:45