

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes June 2025

Meeting held July 7, 2025

Attending:

Jim Willcox

Andrea DeVitto

Minerva Parker

Chris Lattanzio

Joe Carlin

Meeting commences at 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Jim introduces Joe Carlin as the new Village Board liaison to the Parks Commission.

1. Short discussion of the proposed local law amendment related to managing large groups that would like to use Memorial Park facilities and amenities. The main purpose of the bill is to ensure that no groups will impede access to or use of the park and its amenities by local residents. The amendment of the code will require a permit application by groups of 40 or more. It also sets terms for denying permits by smaller groups (10 or more, up to 40), including if the proposed activity or use of the park will interfere with or detract from the general public's ability to use and enjoy the park. There will be a public hearing on the amendment at the June 24 Village Board meeting.
2. Short discussion of the village allowing weddings to be held at the gazebo in Memorial Park, and if so, what, if any, fee will be charged for such use, and what the maximum time allowance for the wedding should be.
3. Joe Carlin mentioned that the village is considering hiring a security firm to help deter the various problems that have been occurring in Memorial Park and the marina. There have been numerous complaints about excessive noise, cars and motorcycles racing up and down streets into the marina, after-hours partying and tailgating, loud music, and drug use.
4. Parks Commission will be compiling a list of the various proposals for new amenities in the park, such as a pickleball court, bocce court, horseshoe pit, labyrinth, seasonal ice-skating rink, etc. The Commission will try to ballpark the amount of space required, possible locations, and cost estimates.

5. Jim mentioned that the marina seems to have fewer seasonal slip renters than in prior years, possibly due to the issues mentioned above. The Parks Commission is willing to help market the marina outside the Nyacks for next season if the village would like help.
6. NY Forward. Proposals for projects to be funded as part of the NY State Forward Program are due August 1st, 2025. Joe Carlin recommended that the Parks Commission, as an entity, submit project proposals for possible funding.
7. Minerva Parker suggested that the Parks Commission should consider reviving educational and environmental programs in the park. Years ago, it was run by a Nyack High School teacher and was a popular activity. Would need to find someone to help run it.