

Request for New Boat Storage Racks at Wingra Boats and Brittingham Boats

Dear City of Madison Parks Staff and Park Commissioners,

I am writing to request permission to replace current free standing metal racks with semi-permanent wood canoe and kayak racks in two locations: the back (west side) of Wingra Boats, and the racks East of the Brittingham Beach House Parking Lot.

The reason for this request is twofold: first the newly planned racks would better utilize the space allowing more boats to be stored in less space. Second, is we believe they will be much more aesthetically pleasing. Replacing metal with wood, and creating right sized cubbies for each boat rather than the current racks.

Wingra Boats:

We are requesting two 36' Racks. The first rack would be placed between the Camp Wingra "Hobbit House" and a Mulberry Tree. The other would start on the other side of the Mulberry Tree. The goal would be to create an attractive and useful border to this area behind Wingra Boats that is used primarily for Camp Wingra and our educational events and activities. This would create an attractive and useful storage of the boats used for camps and excursions and the less used boats that are stored here. See below for rack placement and picture of current racks.

Brittingham:

Currently there are two rows of metal racks with five racks on one side and four on the other. We use three racks for our Camp Wingra Canoes and the others are private boat storage. The footprint is approximately 75' by 35'. The proposal would be 67' long and 30' wide reducing the footprint. See below for rack placement and picture of current racks.

Material and Construction:

Our Plan would be to use 4x6 posts for the corners and standard treated 4x4 posts for the interior posts. Treated 2x4 would make up the cross pieces. The Posts would be 6' apart and the rack would be about 6'6" wide.

We would use an auger to drill the post holes except for about 6 holes which are closer to trees and we would hand dig with a hand held post hole digger. Posts would be about 40" deep and be secured in with quickset concrete (same method as building a fence). We would also use 2x6 for cross bracing on the ends and in the middle.

We have reviewed the plans with forester Craig Klinke and Claire Oleksiak. As always we want to improve the utility, appearance and feel of our parks. We believe that these racks would further this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tyler Leeper
For Wingra and Brittingham Boats

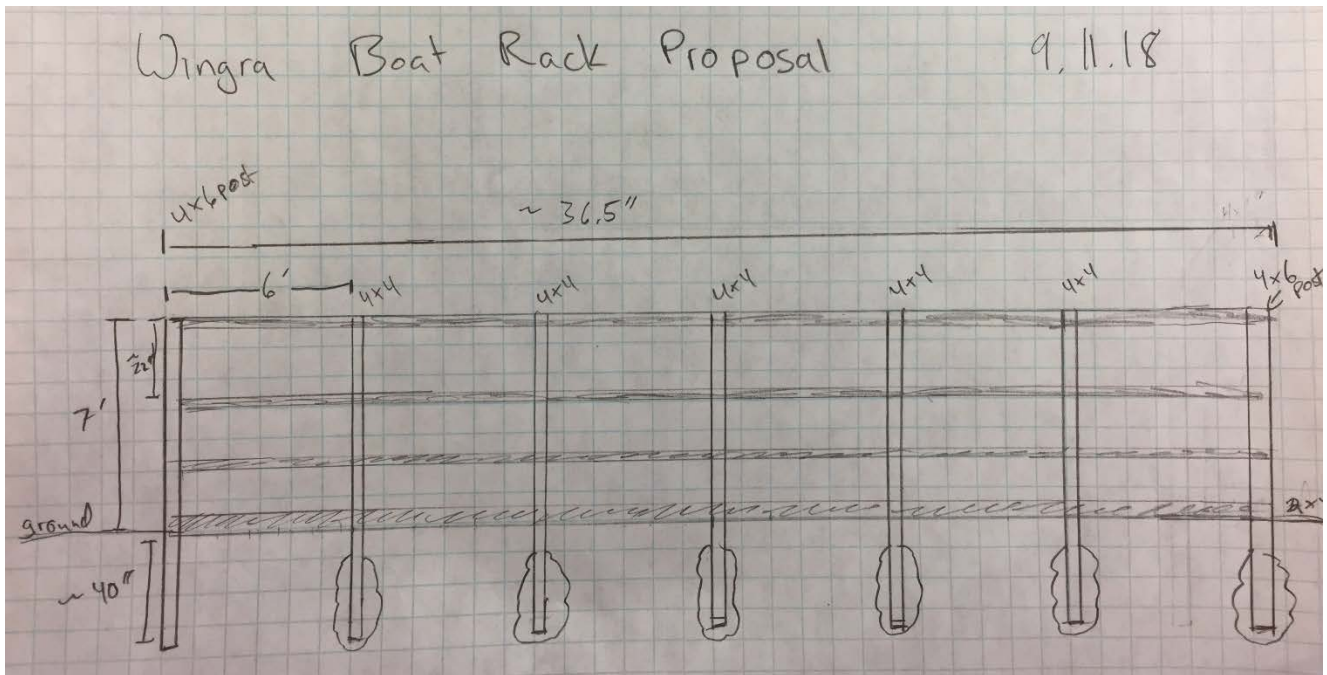
Wingra Rack Placement



Brittingham Rack Placement



New Rack Design and Visual Examples:



These racks all incorporate the “cubby” style rack that we are proposing where customers slide their boat in from one side or the other.

