

Replacement of Boat Launch Deck at Brittingham Boats



Dear Park Commissioners,

Brittingham Boats is requesting permission to replace the deck at Brittingham Boats. The current deck is in poor to failing condition and is not suitable for use for the 2022 season. Below is information about the current deck and the planned replacement.

Sincerely,
Tyler Leeper, Owner
Brittingham Boats, LLC

History

Brittingham Boats worked with the City and DNR in 2012 and opened in 2013. During this time we have launched canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards off an angled ramp into the water. The back end of this ramp is a flat deck that covers the mud, erosion, and drop in elevation allowing easy access for customers and staff.



The launch is 40' x 16' into the water and will be remaining the same.

The deck leading up to this launch started as about 40' x 10 but over the years with erosion and issues with rocks it is now about 56' long and between 12 and 18' wide.

Current Condition

Currently much of the plywood that made up the deck is rotten. The patchwork of decking and carpet and astro-turf covering the deck is unattractive. Most importantly it needs to be redone to provide seamless transition for customers and staff to the boat launch.



Proposed Action

Remove **ALL** of the old deck and replace with one cohesive deck. The deck would be 56' wide by 16' long and would support the canoe and kayak launch as well as be the connection to the paddle boat pier.

- The deck would be built on auger posts 3-4'. Stringers 24" on center.
- Grade would go from 0" to 22" high. We would need to grade some of the soil so we could get a flat deck.
- We would not need a railing however we are planning to have 8" round posts with 2-3" nautical rope railing on the beach side.
- DNR has said we do not need approval for posts on land or for grading of less than 10,000 sq ft.

Overall we are requesting permission to replace the failing deck with the same size deck a couple feet to the west.