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# MEETING OUTCOMES

## Action items





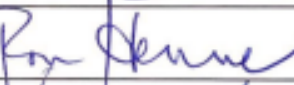
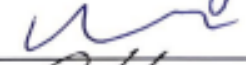

WHAT / QUESTION	WHO	WHEN
What area was deeded by the Veterans?	Village	By next meeting
Hold a meeting to discuss the parameters of the helipad	Village	By next meeting
What are the allowable activities within a floodway?	Karen Arent to discuss with DEC	By next meeting
What is the perimeter of the park?	Karen Arent	By next meeting
Provide initial pump track plans and details	Lions Club	By next meeting
Provide initial skate park plans and details	Skate Park Initiative	By next meeting
What are the hours the bathroom is operable?	Village	By next meeting
Understand future use of adjacent property	Village	By next meeting
Share meeting notes from Youth in Government meeting	Trustee Foster	ASAP

## Summary

(please see meeting materials below. This summary provides some additional detail)

- The meeting started at 6:30 pm and opened with introductions. Participants shared their name, organization, favorite winter activity, and movies they recommend.
- Landscape Architect Karen Arendt walked through the key opportunities and constraints of the park, and the group raised key remaining questions, as summarized in the action items, above.
- The group reviewed follow ups on action items, as articulated later in this document. The group introduced two new participants: a representative from Heroes InDeed and a representative from the emergency management community, who also happens to be a representative from the Town, providing important connectivity.
- The group discussed additional feedback and conversations to date, including the outcomes of the Youth in Government meeting from December 7. In particular, the group articulated feedback regarding the needs of teens and people of all ages in the park. The group reinforced much of the feedback from the first meeting.
- The group did not break out due to time constraints and agreed that the survey would be shared in electronic format; Trustee Foster circulated the survey following the meeting.

# ATTENDEES

 Visitors Log Memorial Park <u>DECEMBER 2</u> , 2022 VB Meeting		
Village of Warwick		
Date	Printed Name	ORG Signature
12/12/22	CARLY FOSTER	VOW
12/12/22	Melissa Stevens	Warwick Fire Department
12/12/22	Kenny Eichler	WICKHAM WORKS
12/12/22	Ron Tironi	
12/12/22	Bruce Petrus	
12/12/22	KAREN ARENT	
12/12/22	Ally Metcalf	
12/12/22	RON HENNEL	Ron Hennel
12/12/22	Kendall Kless	Kendall Kless
12/12/22	Jonah Campbell	Jonah Campbell
12/12/22	Emily Wilson	Albert Wisner Public Library
12/12/22	Brad Davidson	Highlander Rugby
12/12/22	Rich DiCastanzo	Warwick Little League
12/12/22	Adam Goldstein	Hammond Village
12-12-22	Tom Brennan	American Legion
12/12	Paul Rany	
12/12	Ged Howard	



# AGENDA AND MEETING MATERIALS

VILLAGE OF WARWICK  
DECEMBER 12, 2022  
630-8pm

## Objectives:

- Reinforce our shared understanding of the group's purpose, process, what we currently know about the park, and mutual expectations

## Materials needed:

- 3 laminated park maps
- Name tags
- Post-its and dry erase markers
- Print-outs
- Sign in sheet
  - Sticker dots for breakout

## Agenda:

- (10 min) Introductions, meeting guidelines, and updates since our last meeting
  - Additional engagement (what did we hear)
  - New participants
  - Website updates
- (30 min) Key outcomes for discussion:
  - Opportunities and constraints at the park
  - DRAFT goals and objectives for the park
- (30 min) Breakouts:
  - Three groups with maps.
  - Using post-its or dry erase to record the discussion
    - What should change and what should stay the same?
    - What features people have asked for are appropriate for Veteran's Memorial Park based on the goals and objectives that have been shared? Why?
    - Where are we seeing disagreement and what is the root cause of that disagreement? (to find the root, ask why 5 times, or until you cannot ask why any longer. Tip: the why will never be: because this person is just difficult. What need does the other person have that should be fulfilled?)
- (15 min) Report outs:
  - Where was there consensus? Where disagreement? What are some of the root cause needs to be reconciled? Was the disagreement resolved?
- Next steps and departure

## COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

- Dialogue over debate (see table from We the People)
- Respect for our neighbor
- One speaker at a time
- Have fun!

Is anything missing?

What does the group need from Village Hall to help meet these guidelines?

## ROLE OF THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

Below is a list of responsibilities for nominees to consider. It will be important that the person nominated be ready to listen and participate as an equal community member with others. They will be asked to both liaison with your organization, but also think about the broader needs of our community.

- Liaison to other organizations
- Consider and accurately communicate the needs of our community (while participants will be expected to speak from their own perspective, they should expect to participate as advocates for problem solving and consensus, as opposed to for a single perspective)
- Problem solve and seek consensus toward solutions that will be best for our community
- Provide a vetting point and opportunity to refine ideas that reflect the feedback we receive from the community
- Be an ambassador for the plan and process (help people know what is happening and why)
- Communicate authentically; let the group know what is working and not working
- Listen to others
- Attend all meetings, if possible (or ensure feedback is shared in)

Is anything missing?

What does the group need from Village Hall to most effectively fulfill this role?

**(Borrowed from We the People dialogues)**

The Differences between Dialogue and Debate

<b>Debate</b>	<b>Dialogue</b>
Assumes there is a right answer – and I have it.	Assumes that many people have pieces of the answer and that together, they can craft a solution.
Is combative – participants attempt to prove the other side wrong.	Is collaborative – participants work together toward common understanding
Is about winning.	Is about exploring common good.
Entails listening to find flaws and make counter arguments.	Entails listening to understand and find meaning and agreement.
I defend my assumptions as truth.	I reveal my assumptions for re-evaluation.
I critique the other side’s position.	I re-examine all positions.
I defend my own views against those of others.	I admit that others’ thinking can improve my own.
I search for weaknesses in others’ positions.	I search for strength and value in other’s positions.
I seek a conclusion or vote that ratifies my position.	I discover new options.

From *The Magic of Dialogue* by Daniel Yankelovich

*Listen to learn.  
 Speak to share from your own experience.  
 The goal is to learn as much as possible from others.*

MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN  
 STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #2

Action items from the last meeting

WHAT	WHO	STATUS
Shift meeting times to begin at 6:30	Village Hall	COMPLETE
Reach out to emergency services (fire, police, EMS) for a representative for the stakeholder advisory group	Village Hall	COMPLETE
Reach out to the schools for youth engagement opportunities	Village Hall	COMPLETE
Provide the following resources to the stakeholder advisory group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Map of recreational assets within the Village and Town</li> <li>● A list of what cannot change about the park</li> <li>● A map of the Wawayanda</li> </ul>	Village Hall and Karen Arendt	See the follow up deck: <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Park Meeting...
Articulate the minimum and max parking space needs for youth sports events	Brian Perez	Minimum = approx. 50 vehicles for any fall contact football / cheer game Maximum = approx. 150 vehicles The busiest times of football & cheer = during June & July Flag football games on weeknights from 5:00-9. Each hour = 5 games & 10 teams playing with 10 children on each team. We plan on adding 15 minutes between games next season, to allow cars to exit & make room for cars arriving for next games.
Obtain more giant maps of the park for use with the next meeting (breakouts)	Village Hall	COMPLETE



MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN  
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #2

## **SCHEDULE**

COMPLETE - MONDAY November 14 , 7PM - VILLAGE HALL

Meeting 1 -

- Introductions and community guidelines
- Role of the stakeholder advisory group
- Process, schedule for meeting
- Review of input received to date - What are the key themes? What are some of the tensions we are seeing? What is missing? Whose voice is missing and what do we do about it?
- What are your responses to these same questions?
- Next steps and next meeting

TODAY - MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 630PM - VILLAGE HALL

Meeting 2 -

- Fill in apparent input gaps
- Opportunities and constraints at the park
- Goals and objectives for the park
- Work together to reconcile the goals and objectives with the opportunities and constraints

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 630PM - VILLAGE HALL

Meeting 3 - review and discuss preliminary draft plan

PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE FEBRUARY 19 - TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PLAN

MEETING 4

TBD, to review comments from public and necessary changes

FINAL PLAN - complete and post in March

Tentative: MONDAY, MARCH 13, 630PM - VILLAGE HALL

After action and learning, reflection and lessons learned for future similar processes

Does this sound right?

Anything you would change?

## PARK OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

What cannot change about the park?

- The park will retain its role in memoriam of veterans
- The park will retain its role as a place for sports

Key opportunities and constraints to keep in mind:

- Nestled adjacent to a library and homes
- Includes memorials to veterans
- Includes a creek and wetlands

What else?

## PARK VISION / DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Based on feedback so far

1. The park is
  - a. Pedestrian friendly, not vehicle centric
  - b. Accessible and inclusive
  - c. A place for children, families, and people of all ages and backgrounds to gather, connect, and play
  - d. A memorial to our Veterans
2. The park feels
  - a. Safe
  - b. Connected and integrated
  - c. Active and well-used
  - d. Accessible
  - e. Inviting and welcoming
  - f. Well-balanced: Quiet and comfortable in some areas and exciting and active in others
3. There are:
  - a. Places and spaces for teens, small children, senior citizens and everyone in between
  - b. Spaces to be noisy that are not immediately adjacent to homes
  - c. Spaces for quiet and somber reflection
  - d. Memorial elements throughout the park
  - e. Walking paths connecting active and passive areas of the park
  - f. Opportunities for inter-generational play and engagement

## WHAT FEATURES HAVE PEOPLE ASKED FOR?

(in no particular order) For each feature, indicate whether it is appropriate in Veteran's Memorial and / or elsewhere in the Village, and any comments you would like to share.

Feature requested	Memorial Park?	Elsewhere?
Dog park	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Public bathrooms	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Community garden	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
More memorial features	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Playground	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Space / amenities for teens (what does this look like? _____)	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Skate park	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Pump track	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Increased walking paths (where? _____)	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Pickleball courts	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Community art and sculptures	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Snack shack / concessions	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Walkway lighting	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Exercise features / heart trail	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Kayak launch and kayak	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Educational features	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
A volunteer group to help maintain the park (similar to Stanley Deming)	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Increased signage for entries and exits	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Bicycle path	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Bleachers	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
More seating opportunities throughout park	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?

MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN  
 STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #2

<b>Feature requested</b>	<b>Memorial Park?</b>	<b>Elsewhere?</b>
Pollinator pathway	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Only native plantings	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Ice skating for winter	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Concert / event space / stage area	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Horse shoes	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Dog poop basket / increased trash receptacles	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Hopscotch	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Parking on perimeter or near opening, not in the middle	Y / N / Don't mind	N / A
Post 911 Memorial	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Nature play area	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Tetherball	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Equipment check-out	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Boardwalk through wet areas	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?
Food trucks	Y / N / Don't mind	Where?

ANY COMMENTS?