



MEETING NOTES

Project:	Towamencin Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan	Project No.:	20003.10
Location:	Towamencin Municipal Building	Meeting Date/Time:	7pm-8:30pm
Re:	TVMP- Committee Meeting #4	Issue Date:	June 1, 2022

ATTENDEES:

SC Team: Peter Simone (PS), Anita Nardone (AN), Michelle Armour (MA)

(See attendance sheet attached.)

NOTES:

1. Draft Master Plan Presentation

PS took the committee through the presentation of the concepts leading up to the Draft Plan for the Park. Several specific concerns/updates were presented and discussed following the presentation:

a. Access Updates

(PS reported to the committee the information that was presented at the May 4th Public Meeting #3)

- Clemens Corporation responded to SC in mid-April that they would consider vehicular access off of Tomlinson Road---but not Reinert Road.
- SC produced a sketch showing a 1700 LF driveway from Tomlinson Road closely adjacent to the southern boundary of the Clemens property and entering the Park site from the west. Parking lot was reconfigured to connect to this driveway while maintain the other features of the Park.
- Drive option does not require a stream crossing.

b. Memorial Plaza Areas Discussion

- PS presented a revised sketch showing a 'memorial' wall to be incorporated in to the individual plazas behind the proposed seat walls

- Committee agreed that there should be six (6) individual memorial plazas incorporated into the design (current plan shows five distinct plazas--- one plaza sharing space with another branch.) SC to revise plan to show sixth plaza (Space Force) near entry area.
- c. Discussion of Project Timeline
- The group discussed the realistic timeline of the project based on the phasing proposed by SC. PS noted that funding sources will drive the schedule
 - Realistic timeframe for full-construction may be 10 years
- d. Reforestation
- PS presented slides and images that attempted to convey the approach to reforestation. Township may opt for trees or they may not.
 - A discussion of the process: establish meadow; after two year plant trees; meadow mown minimally through the growing cycle of the trees; canopy established---little maintenance for the Twp.
 - RD disagreed with expectation of less maintenance. His feeling was that trees are more maintenance.
- e. Allentown Access Drive/ Emergency Vehicle Access
- PS confirmed that North Penn Water Authority has offered their 1.33 ac parcel to the Township for incorporation into the TVMP site.
 - Current Park parcel size: 10.697 acres; Tennis Lukens Cemetery: 0.77 acres. Total estimated future Park parcel size: 12.8 acres
 - Current access off Allentown Road must be considered as a potential main vehicular access should other access options fall through. The access will be maintained for maintenance and emergency access.
 - RD reiterated concerns from previous meeting on emergency vehicle access into the park (vehicle weight and wheelbase) He reported on typical EMT procedures; vehicle route should include stabilized areas on either side of main paths; look at pergola entrance from main parking.
- f. Sustainability Concerns/ Trail Material/ Park Hours/ Security
- LS noted a desire to have natural / pervious material for trails to reduce SW concerns. PS noted that maintenance and ADA requirement make asphalt an attractive choice for many large public gardens
 - RD questioned the committee on whether we have established that this park will be typical of other Twp parks---closed from dusk to dawn. All agreed. Gates are an operational issue for the Twp to decide.

- Committee discussed how much access to the cemetery should be provided. Fencing? Concerns about public access there. PS reminded committee that a well-used space at all hours of the day provides 'eyes' on those areas.

g. Other Park Details

- JB liked the 'timeline in pavement' detail
- Group re-visited the idea of recorded programs available digitally along the timeline for personalized features/stories
- Trees, bricks as donation options.
- Joe M: Founding of Twp date is 1728---can be worked into the appropriate location along the trail.

h. Summary of Revisions to the current Draft Plan

- Six (6) distinct memorial plaza areas for the recognized branches of the service
- SC to provide photosims of a typical memorial plaza, main flag plaza at the amphitheater and entrance area to accompany final plan and report.

JM felt that the plan represented well-thought out ideas and provides the platform for marketing the plan for grant funding. LS felt that the plan offered flexibility moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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Sincerely,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



Anita Nardone, PE
Project Manager



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK-COMMITTEE MEETING #4 SIGN IN SHEET

May 23, 2022

NAME	
1. Michael Lewis	✓
2. Joe Meehan	✓
3. Laureen Sendel-Grant	✓
4. Gordon Bell	✓
5. Barry Foreng <i>Foreng</i>	✓
6. Barry Kenyon	
7. Bill Dauphinee	
8. Robert Bell	✓
9. Chet Ruminski	✓
10. Rich Marino	✓
11. Dan Littley	✓
12. Carter LeBrocq <i>R. Carter LeBrocq</i>	✓
13. Bob DiDomizio	✓
14. Nancy Becker	✓
15. Don Delamater (Twp Manager)	
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