

Community invited to comment on new Nobleton park

Have you and your family ever had the chance to help design a community park? Did you know that a new community park will be created in Nobleton? One that is primarily for the village but, of course, for all township residents?

Bring your family and come to the very first planning meeting on Monday, June 16 at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton arena and share your ideas.

What would you and your family like to include? What cool, fun, safe and entirely accessible features should be built? How should the park support toddlers, children, teens, adults and seniors, those with disabilities, mobility and developmental issues?

Should it have big swings, slides of many sizes and a sand box? What about an accessible wooden castle or a pirate ship? Should it have an old fashioned playground with metal jungle gyms? What about climbing walls, teeter-totters, climbing structures, small shelters, [low rope courses](#), a tire complex, logs and stumps, a splash pad, a swinging rope bridge, tunnels or even a zip line?

How could we re-use big limbs, trunks and stumps left over from the ice storm damage? Which local contractors and nurseries, community groups and the folks on your street could pitch in to help create a natural wonderland?

What about a native garden with tall grasses in which to hide? Why not plant a butterfly garden so your children can watch eggs grow into caterpillars, cocoons and magnificent monarch butterflies? How about installing turtle islands in the ponds so that native turtles have a safe place to sun? A viewing deck by the pond? Nesting boxes for any number of birds and some bat boxes? What else can we do to enhance the habitat for our animal neighbours? How could we best use the mature trees and shrubs in the area?

What things will engage pre-teens and our active teenagers?

What new playing field might King need? A cricket pitch, soccer field, horseshoe pit or maybe places for croquet, grass volleyball courts, basketball, shuffleboard, lawn bowling, a disc golf course? How about a big open space for tag, Frisbees, kites, general play and practicing Tai Chi and yoga?

What things could seniors use and enjoy? Why not a walking trail with natural fitness structures along the way? Fitness structures especially designed for seniors? Should we consider an open performance area with seating on a hillside or even a bandshell?

Could our park host festivals? Will some seniors come out and share their ideas?

Of course, residents need to be realistic about using our limited resources responsibly. But we all have a unique opportunity right now to share our ideas about what an amazing community park could be if we all work together to make it happen. How can we design a fun place to get together, enjoy the outdoors and celebrate family, nature, fitness and our community?

If all of us help to design it, will the community then help to build it, use it and come to treasure it? Come on June 16 and make a difference in our village and for all of King.