

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of Memo

The purpose of this memo is to present the program for Memorial Park. The program is the master list of what uses and activities the Town of Stowe would like to see in Memorial Park in the next five to 20 years. It will serve as a guide to how the physical layout of the Park should be developed.

B. Task Content

This Task provides:

- A list of standard facilities that will be needed in Memorial Park, no matter what particular uses or activities are included in the final list,
- A list of the proposed passive and active uses that should be included in Memorial Park with a discussion of why they are suggested for the Park,
- A diagram that shows the general relationship between the different uses and standard facilities,
- A suggested priority list, and
- A discussion of the implications of the proposed list.

C. Organization

After this introduction, this memo is divided into five additional sections that cover:

- Necessary Park Features
- Proposed Park Uses and Activities,
- Priorities,
- Park Use, Activities, and Feature Relationships, and
- Implications.

II. NECESSARY PARK FEATURES

No matter which uses are eventually added, maintained or deleted from Memorial Park, there are certain facilities that should be provided. These facilities include some that are already there and others that BRPD believes should be there due to either users' needs or Park history. These necessary features are:

- Parking (the specific number of spaces still needs to be determined);
- Permanent restrooms;
- A welcoming entrance sign with map at each entrance;

- A small concession stand and /or vending machines;
- A Memorial Garden to Veterans;
- The existing Youth Sports Memorial;
- A clear, comfortable, pedestrian and bicycle access point at the Stowe Elementary School;
- The existing playground;
- User amenities (benches; drinking fountains; trash cans; bike racks; etc.)
- Additional shade trees;
- Lighting;
- Internal pedestrian circulation system;
- Good signage;
- Inviting access to the “back” portion of the Park;
- Recreation Department storage, and
- Some maintenance equipment facilities (not necessarily the primary parks maintenance facility).

III. PROPOSED PARK USES AND ACTIVITIES

A. Proposed Activity and Use List

Based on the information contained in the Task 3 Memo; current recreational standards and trends; discussions with the Project Advisory Committee, the public, and Stowe High School students; and our professional opinion, BRPD suggests that the following uses and/or activities be included in Memorial Park within the next 5 to 20 years. These uses are presented in alphabetical order:

- Basketball *
- Indoor Ice Rink *
- Indoor Active & Passive Recreation Space (Larger than existing Gale Center)
- Little League Field *
- Natural Areas and Nature Trails
- Open Air Pavilion or Small Rain Shelter)
- Open Playing Fields
- Outdoor Ice Skating (as possible with alternate summer use of the space)
- Outdoor Passive Recreation Features
- Outdoor Skate Park *
- Outdoor Theater (as a future potential only with development of a second access point)
- Parks & Recreation Department Office *
- Picnic Area
- Sledding Hill *
- Tennis *
- Volleyball/Sand Volleyball
- Water Play Feature/Fountain

* Already exists in or close to the Park.

B. Background

The Broadreach Planning & Design team (BRPD) made the decision as to which uses to include in the recommended list based on:

- The results of the evaluation system developed as part of Task 3,
- The data and opinions summarized in the Task 3 Memo;
- Discussions of the potential uses with various groups of interested individuals, and
- The professional opinion of BRPD.

Table 4-1 shows the results of the evaluation system established in the Task 3 Memo.

The top eleven uses in the table have been included on the list of suggested uses. The remaining recommended uses are scattered lower down in the rankings.

Despite the lower rankings of several items, they were included because:

- They were mentioned more than once during the interviews or public work sessions,
- They fit well within the existing conditions of Memorial Park,
- They fit well with the other proposed uses,
- They were activities that were either stable or growing in popularity nationally, and/or
- They appeared to fulfill an unmet need in the village area.

IV. PRIORITIES

The existing size of Memorial Park appears to be able to accommodate the entire list of seventeen activities. Providing room for the final sizes of several of the recommended facilities, such as the indoor ice rink and indoor recreation space, however could create the need to eliminate some of the other uses simply because there is not enough room. In the case that some of the uses may need to be eliminated, it is suggested that they be eliminated in the following order, with the first on the list be the first use to be eliminated.

- Outdoor Theater
- Outdoor Ice Skating
- Water Plan Feature/Fountain
- Volleyball/Sand Volleyball

BRPD believes that no additional features would need to be eliminated in order to develop viable layouts for the remaining activities.

Table 4-1: Potential Use Evaluations

Use Evaluation	Rank	Support by residents	Overall need	Difficulty of locating elsewhere (4)	Desirability of use in the Village	Ease based on cost (1)	Ease based on permitting (2)	Overall amount of space (3)	Compatibility with other uses	Support in other Town documents	Currently in Park	Importance of use in Park	Frequency of use	Value to Town Residents	Previous availability of use in Park	Total
Max. Value		2	4	3	3	10	10	3	3	1	15	1	5	1	2	63
Outdoor Rec Space	1	2	4	1	3	10	10	3	3	0	15	1	5	1	2	60
Rec. Dep. Office	2	1	4	2	3	10	10	3	3	0	15	1	5	1	2	60
Indoor Rec space	3	1	4	3	3	5	10	3	3	1	15	1	5	1	2	57
Rec. Dept. Storage	4	0	4	3	3	10	10	3	2	0	15	0	5	0	2	57
Basketball	5	1	2	2	3	10	10	3	3	0	15	1	4	0	2	56
Indoor Ice Rink	6	2	3	3	3	5	10	2	3	1	15	1	5	1	2	56
Sledding Hill	7	2	4	2	3	10	10	2	3	0	10	1	3	1	1	52
Tennis	8	1	1	2	2	8	10	3	3	0	15	1	3	0	2	51
Little League	9	2	4	3	3	7	8	1	2	0	15	1	2	1	1	50
Outdoor Skate Park	10	2	4	2	3	7	8	3	3	0	10	1	5	1	1	50
Open Playing fields	11	2	4	2	2	8	8	1	3	0	10	1	4	1	2	48
Passive Rec. Features	12	1	2	1	3	10	10	3	2	0	10	1	3	1	1	48
Maint'nce Yards	13	0	1	3	0	10	5	0	0	0	15	1	5	0	2	42
Softball	14	0	4	3	1	6	8	1	1	0	15	0	1	0	1	41
Baseball	15	0	4	3	1	5	8	0	1	0	15	0	1	0	1	39
Food Stand	16	1	2	1	3	10	8	3	3	0	0	1	5	1	0	38
Picnic Area	17	1	2	2	2	10	10	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	36
Volleyball	18	1	1	2	2	10	10	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	35
Water Play Feature	19	0	2	2	3	8	7	3	3	0	0	1	5	1	0	35
Nature Trails	20	2	1	0	3	10	7	3	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	34
Mountain Bike Trails	21	2	2	0	3	8	7	3	2	0	0	0	5	1	0	33
Sand Volleyball	22	0	0	2	1	10	10	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	32
Indoor Skate Park	23	1	3	3	3	5	4	2	3	0	0	1	5	1	0	31
Horse shoes	24	0	0	2	2	10	10	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	31
Outdoor Theater	25	1	1	3	3	6	8	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	30
Outdoor Ice Skating	26	1	2	1	3	5	5	3	3	0	0	1	3	1	2	30
Raquetball	27	0	1	3	1	8	10	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	30
Town Pond	28	1	1	1	3	5	5	3	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	26
Indoor Theater/ Perform. Space	29	2	2	1	3	2	4	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	22
Running/Walking Track	30	0	1	1	0	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	21

Rankings were determined by BRPD.

V. PARK USE, ACTIVITIES, AND FEATURE RELATIONSHIPS

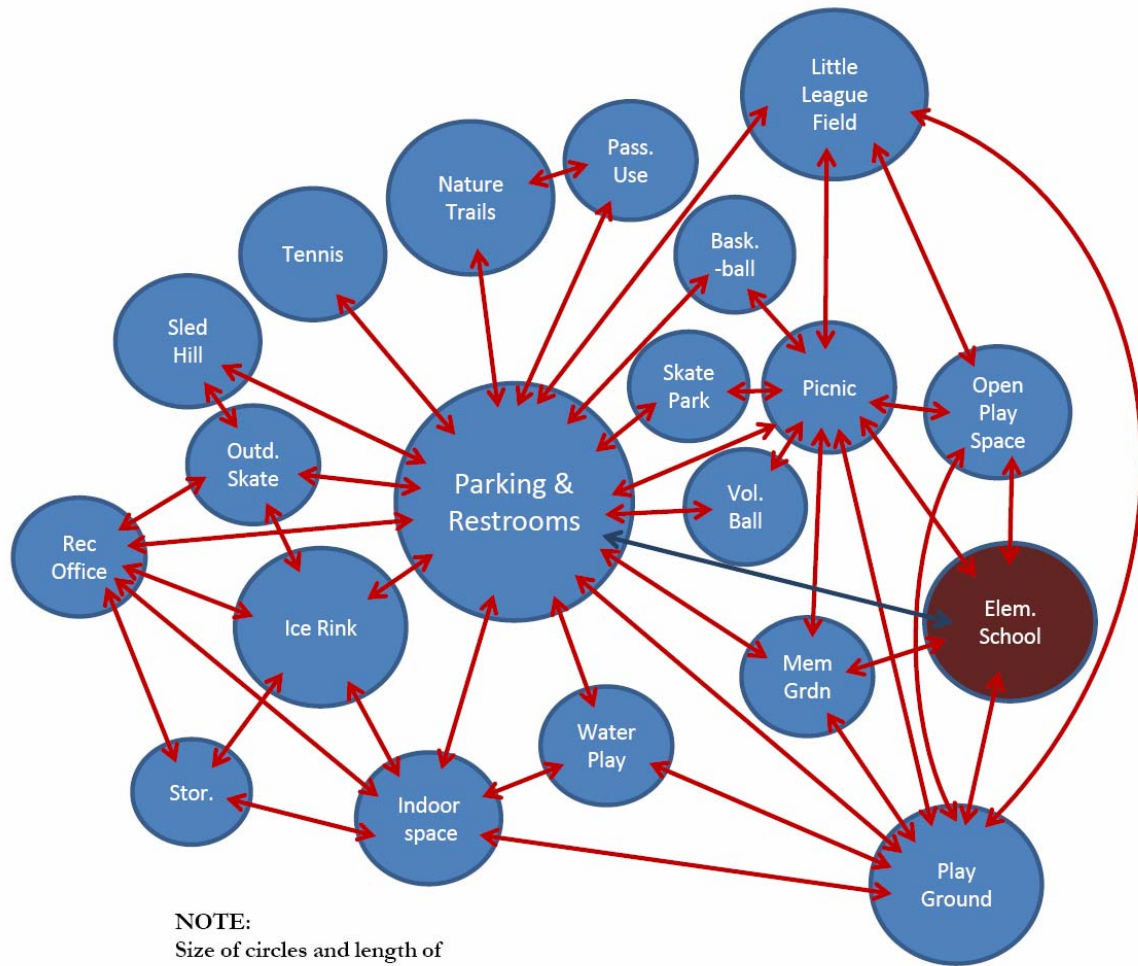
Several of the proposed uses and necessary facilities will be enhanced if they are located close to each other. For instance, a parking area should be located close to the indoor ice rink, as well as the playground, the picnic area, the Department of Parks and Recreation offices, and the tennis and basketball courts. **Figure 4-1** provides a simple graphic representation of these relationships. As the figure shows, there are numerous cross relationships that will create challenges for the eventual development of alternate park layouts. It also highlights which activities are more stand-alone activities that may not need to be close to other uses.

VI. IMPLICATIONS

There are some uses that are now located in the Memorial Park that are not included on the proposed list of future uses and activities. Most notably, the baseball and softball fields are not

included, nor is the large maintenance area. This will mean that these activities are intended to go elsewhere in the Town. One of the next portions of the development of the Master Plan is to locate viable alternate locations within the Town for these uses. If no alternate location can be located at this time, then the uses will remain in Memorial Park, at least for the near term. If viable locations become available in the future, then the particular uses may be able to be moved.

Figure 4-1: Spatial Relationships of Proposed Memorial Park Uses



NOTE:
Size of circles and length of
arrows do not represent either
importance or distance.