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Homer Glen Heritage Park

Focus Group Seniors

- I. **Introduction – What we are doing**
 - a. 100+ acre former Woodbine Golf Course
 - b. New home for the Village Hall
 - c. Previous study to look at storm water concerns/opportunities
 - d. Re-Named to Heritage Park earlier this year.
 - e. Walk through the planning factors map and aerial.

- II. **Questions of Us?**

What about sports, is this going to be a Sports Park – *No preconceived notions, we want to hear from all*

Can we expand ponds and make deeper?

Can there be a Community Center?

Can we accommodate parking - *we will be keeping that in mind and planning for it.*

How will this be funded? *Grants & other funding sources and gas tax*

- III. **Are there specific opportunities you feel this site has for Homer Glen?**

Accessible walking Paths

Security

Take advantage of views

- IV. **What activities would you like to see on this Property?**

Keep one green for putting practice

Bingo area for 100 people – Can be in Village Hall

Heated Pool

Benches along pathway

Fishing

Dance Hall

Water fountains

Bocce Ball

Dog Park with shade

Raised gardens

Sensory garden – multi generational

- V. **Are there any concerns you have about this Site?**

Security – have phones and access for emergency's like on campuses

Basketball courts and security, kids and curfew

Ponds and safety – drowning, liability – There should be good visibility of ponds

Where will restrooms be

Ball teams from outside the community, this is for our kids

Keep some space open for future needs

Stay in Budget

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- VI. With the name changed to “Heritage Park”, what does that mean to you?
50-years
“My Home Town” something for everyone, future as well
Not Veteran’s park, make about volunteers
Embrace past, open to future
Beatify environment, not over developed
Pieces that matter
- VII. Close – Are there any last questions you have?
- a. Thank you for your time and valuable comments.
 - b. If you have any additional thoughts please send them to the Village and they will make sure I get them.

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Focus Group Sports Groups

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- II. **Questions of Us?**

What is budget? *To be determined based on plan developed*
What is time frame? *Master plan to be completed this fall*
Can drainage issues be looked at?

- III. **Are there specific opportunities you feel this site has for Homer Glen?**

Sports Complex – travel competitions will bring people to town and make money
Gymnasium – field house like Lockport
Place for seniors
Turf fields – expands play and reduces maintenance

- IV. **What activities would you like to see on this Property?**

Football field, could also accommodate soccer and lacrosse
Splash pad
Synthetic turf field
High school level play for baseball
Sports complex – field house
Disc golf – Home Glen has over 120 professional players including Mayors daughter
Gymnasium
Volleyball and Basketball (indoor)

- V. **Are there any concerns you have about this Site?**

Standing water on township fields, drainage problems on west side of Heritage Park
Twp. & Village parking lots
Can we take down fence between Twp. and Village
What about barb wire fence, can it be removed
No indoor field time, have to coordinate with school dist.
School Dist. costs are very high to use space
Volleyball and basketball don't have space
Township and Village need to work together
All volunteer work to maintain fields, cost \$50k per year
Parking

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- VI. With the name changed to “Heritage Park”, what does that mean to you?
Kids and community are most important, attract young families to come

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Focus Group Neighbors

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- II. Questions of Us?

What is timeframe of the project – Fall 2016 master plan
Maintenance of the old bunkers is looking bad, looks sloppy.
Vil resp – *Yes can look at that with staff this fall.*
How much does the Village have to spend on the project – Budget?
Will pond stay? *Yes most likely*
Can the barb wired fence be removed?

- III. Are there specific opportunities you feel this site has for Homer Glen?

Buffer between property & fields or any active use.
Lake Kathrine in Palos Heights is a good example, paths, picnic, access, water botanical center or nature center.
Access to trail that are already there, inter connected trails in the community
People bought here for the open space and golf course – property value premium
Do not want thoroughfares, but connections to the park are ok.
Nature park would be good
No sidewalks in community would be good place to have for walking.
A native vegetated (prairie grass) edge to provide separation and control – no invasives
Village iconic place, prom and wedding photos
A place where kids will remember growing up

- IV. What activities would you like to see on this Property?

Connect water areas – bridges
Walking paths – paved
Playground with rubber surface – inclusive (ADA does not always mean wheel chair accessible, should be able to play too).
Fishing
Beach Volleyball
Buffer along perimeter of park
Open space for Village where they can have Easter egg hunts, etc.
Band shell / outdoor theater

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Splash pad
Quality materials vs. quantity to able to maintain
Cross Country Skiing

V. Are there any concerns you have about this Site?

Traffic parking in neighborhoods to get to events at fields
Speakers are too loud
Invasive vegetation - WEEDS

VI. With the name changed to “Heritage Park”, what does that mean to you?

“Community + Nature” Heritage Park
American & veteran’s memorial
“This is where I grew up, where we played

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