

## MIDDLETOWN

## Committee hopes park construction can start soon

*The park will be built with the help of several local unions who have agreed to donate labor.*

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A committee raising funds for and planning a Middletown Veterans Memorial Park hopes construction on Phase One of the project can start later this month or in April.

"We're all set to go now with construction of the park," Veterans Committee chairman Jim Remer told the township supervisors at Tuesday night's meeting.

Remer, a Vietnam veteran, estimated the park will be built in about five phases. Phase One, scheduled to start soon, will be grading the site and also moving a World War II Sherman tank over to a concrete pad on the park site. The veterans memorial park will be located on about two acres adjacent to the township public works complex on Veterans Highway (Route 413).

The tank was donated by Pennndel American Legion Post members when the post moved. It had stood at the post for many years but is technically still on loan from the U.S. Army, said Remer.

The veterans committee has lined up support from several local unions, including carpenters, engineers and electricians, to donate labor to the veterans memorial, he said.

"The local unions have just been incredible," he said. "Without them, I don't think we'd have much hope of this park ever being built."

Veterans Memorial Park will eventually include a wall honoring the service of veterans, several flags, a water fountain, covered bridge over a small stream, pavilion and other features, said Remer. It's difficult to predict a completion date, he added.

"I'd say it depends on how quickly the community supports us," Remer said.

While the unions have already committed to help, the project also needs donations of money and also material like stone, concrete and many other items, said veterans committee member Jim Peet.

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