

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR JAMES GRAVEN AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN AREA WITHIN THE  
VILLAGE GREEN PARK TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Green Park has been a family gathering place in Olmsted Falls for many years for our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2019, the city unveiled the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial at the Village Green, which is also the location of the WWII tribute along with a bench donated by the Class of 1966 to honor veteran and Olmsted Fall resident Gary Martell; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are desirous to show a lasting appreciation to all veterans for their dedicated service to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Olmsted Falls has recommended that the parcel of land at the southwest corner of The Village Green Park be set aside and forevermore be dedicated as the Veterans Memorial at The Village Green Park. Now therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS,  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The corner parcel of land representing approximately 63' along Columbia Road by 63' along Water Street, from the inner edge of the public sidewalks, up to, but not including the gazebo brick walkway, presently located at the southwest corner of The Village Green Park be set aside and forever known as the Veterans Memorial at The Village Green Park. The Veterans memorial at The Village Green Park shall never be reduced from its present physical size, consistent with the attached Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor, together with the members of the Park and Recreation Board, and any other group they deem necessary, is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to develop a plan, timeline and funding options for expansion of veterans memorial to include but not limited to, World War I, Korean War, American/International War on Terrorism, and memorials for each active service branch.

**SECTION 3.** The Mayor, together with members of the Park and Recreation Board, are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the necessary expansion and development of the Veterans Memorial at The Village Green Park, including appropriate signage.

**SECTION 4.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to conduct any and all ceremonies which he, together with members of the Parks and Recreation Board deem necessary or appropriate to properly designate and dedicate the Veterans Memorial at The Village Green Park.

**SECTION 5.** The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

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*Cornel Munteanu, Council President*

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*James Graven, Mayor*

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*Date*

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Max Rieker, Director of Law*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council*

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

	Yea	Nay
Munteanu	_____	_____
Chitester	_____	_____
Jones	_____	_____
McFadden	_____	_____
Wolanin	_____	_____
Buchholz	_____	_____
Saari	_____	_____