Village Park Committee look after, improve, and plan for the community's park. They care for park maintenance, keep an eye on the condition of park facilities, play equipment, sports fields, and trees, reporting what needs fixing or cleaning. Make recommendations to the Village Board on what improvements or new features residents want (such as new playground sets, benches, or a walking path). The committee helps organize and run community activities, fundraisers and/or seasonal events held at the park or elsewhere. They often research ways to fund park improvements, such as helping apply for state or local grants for park upgrades.

Think of them as the champions and caretakers of the town's outdoor spaces, making sure the parks are safe, welcoming, and fun for everyone in the village to use.

*Looking for any number of members

Village Variance Committee (often called a *Board of Adjustments*) is a local board that handles exceptions to the town's zoning rules. Only group that meets when needed.

While the planning commission creates the big-picture rules, the variance committee decides what happens when those strict rules cause an unfair hardship for a specific property owner. This committee review variance requests, if a property owner wants to build something that doesn't fit local zoning laws. They check to see if property has unique physical challenges (like a steep slope or weird shape) that make strict compliance impossible, ensuring people aren't just breaking rules for convenience. This committee hears zoning appeals.

Think of them as the safety valve for local zoning laws—providing fair, case-by-case flexibility when strict rules create an unfair problem for a specific piece of land.

*Looking for 2 to 3 members

Village Planning Commission is a local volunteer board that helps guide how land and buildings in the village are used and developed as the community grows.

Main responsibilities include helping to write the village's "master plan" or "comprehensive plan," which outlines goals for future housing, businesses, parks, roads, etc.; They review building and business projects; recommend zoning rules and regulations that decide where businesses build; hold public hearings, advise the village board.

Think of them as the town's designers—they make sure new growth happens in an organized way that protects neighborhood character and makes sense for the community's future.

*Looking for 2 to 3 members

***NEW <u>Community Benefit Advisory Group</u>** serve as an advisory committee. They do not hold the money directly, but they guide the Village Board on how to spend it effectively, fairly, and in the best interests of the residents.

This group will collect community input, board input and help set spending priorities with the money that the village will be receiving. Filter all suggestions and identify which will bring the biggest, longest-lasting benefit to the village. Review grant and funding applications. Ensure transparency, and report back to the village board and to the public so residents know where the money is going.

Look at them as the community voice, they make sure the money is spent on what matters most to the people living in the village and the government operations.

*Looking for 5 members to start with

***NEW <u>Industrial Task Force</u>** in a village is a dedicated committee or advisory group—often composed of local officials, business owners, community members, and regional economic experts—established to guide, regulate, or promote industrial and economic activity within the municipality.

Depending on the community's size, economic goals, and local challenges, an industrial task force typically serves the following primary purposes:
1. Economic Development & Job Growth

2. Infrastructure & Land Use Planning

3. Environmental & Community Protection

4. Community Engagement & Mediation

5. Emergency Preparedness & Safety

*Looking for 5 members to start with