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## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 15, 2026 • 7:00 PM  
Veterans Park, Waldwick, New Jersey

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Michele Weber welcomed committee members to the June 15, 2026 meeting of Waldwick Access for All (WAFA).

This meeting was WAFA's first in-person gathering and provided members with an opportunity to meet, become acquainted, and have an open discussion regarding the committee's mission, accessibility concerns, and priorities moving forward.

### 2. Attendance

Members Present:

- Michele Weber, Chair
- Christina Colacci
- Mary Beth Nappi
- Regina Flanagan
- Jim Laughlin

Public Attendance: No members of the public were present.

### 3. Chairperson's Report

Chair Michele Weber welcomed committee members and discussed the mission and goals of Waldwick Access for All.

Members discussed the importance of identifying barriers to accessibility throughout the Borough and working collaboratively to promote greater access and inclusion for residents.

### 4. Old Business and Accessibility Concerns

Emmett Park

- Jim Laughlin raised a concern regarding wheelchair accessibility at Emmett Park.
- Jim noted that there is currently no curb cut providing wheelchair access at the park.
- The concern was identified as an item for future follow-up.

South Fisher Park

- Members discussed the previously identified guardrail cut-out and uneven platform/accessibility concerns.

Crosswalk Push-Button Accessibility Improvements

- Members discussed accessibility improvements involving crosswalk push buttons.

Memorial Day Parade

- The Memorial Day Parade had been canceled due to rain.
- No rain date or follow-up parade was scheduled.

### 5. Veterans Park Accessibility Walkthrough



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As part of the committee's first in-person meeting, members discussed accessibility at Veterans Park and identified areas where accessibility could potentially be improved.

The discussion provided committee members an opportunity to share observations and ideas for future consideration.

## **6. Community Outreach and Future Priorities**

Members discussed community outreach, resident feedback, communications, and potential future accessibility projects.

The committee also discussed ways WAFA can continue identifying accessibility needs throughout Waldwick and work with the Borough on potential improvements.

## **7. Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

## **8. Committee Member Discussion**

Committee members participated in an informal and open discussion regarding accessibility and inclusion within Waldwick and possible priorities for WAFA moving forward.

As this was the committee's first in-person gathering, the meeting was primarily an opportunity for members to meet and freely exchange ideas.

**No formal actions or votes were taken during the meeting.**

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next WAFA meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Waldwick Public Library.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded following committee discussion.

*Accessibility benefits everyone. When we remove barriers for one resident, we improve our community for all residents.*