

## 2. **How would Red Bank Central Park be beneficial to the city?**

Every city needs a large, 1<sup>st</sup>-class, vibrant central park to define the city and provide for the enjoyment and benefit of its people.

Red Bank currently has no centrally located public commons capable of supporting large community-building events and gatherings. Most events in Red Bank are small, and are located on parking lots of churches or businesses. Red Bank citizens have to leave town to enjoy other communities' festivals, celebrations, concerts, and various large events. Further, Red Bank offers no central public gathering place that attracts citizens to just hang out, relax, and mingle with one another on a day-to-day basis.

Red Bank Central Park is ideally located and large enough to become *the internal destination* for the City's citizens. Once developed with myriad diverse features, it can offer something interesting to everyone. For example, some popular suggested features (in no particular order) include:

- Amphitheater/stage/playhouse
- Walking paths with native plant landscaping
- Arboretum
- Community garden
- Dog park
- Food trucks accommodation
- Historic monument to the old High School and Middle School (Lion statue?)
- Market pavilion
- Picnic sheds
- Public artwork
- Exercise equipment
- Pickleball courts
- Large, wide-open green space