



**TOWN OF DARIEN
PLAYGROUND WORKING GROUP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2023
8:45 A.M. VIRTUAL GOTOMEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Patti Bumgardner, Susan Daly, Alyssa Mahoney, Sarah Baldwin
ABSENT: Vicky Coghlin, Devon Skehan; Curtis Butler; Ruth Zaccaria;
Cathy Mulrow-Peattie
STAFF: Pam Gery, Director of Parks and Recreation

Ms. Daly called the meeting to order at 8:56 AM.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINAL PLAYGROUND SURFACE COLOR FROM CREATIVE RECREATION Ms. Daly led the discussion on the surface color and all agreed on the lighter sand/tan & black color rather than the green & black. Ms. Daly suggested to have Mr. Hollerback send a final design with the tan colored surface.

DISCUSS PLACING THE ORDER AND PROJECT TIME LINE. Ms. Daly suggested that Ms. Gery get in touch with Mr. Hollerbach to ask all time line questions. We should know what the process is in terms of what happens from the time the equipment arrives and construction begins. Ms. Baldwin suggested posting signage to forewarn playground users that the playground will be closed. Ms. Bumgardner agreed and suggested a newspaper article as well.

DISCUSS THE NEXT PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROJECT. CHERRY LAWN OR BAKER. There was a discussion had on whether to work on Baker playground or Cherry Lawn playground first. The working group agreed that Cherry Lawn Playground should be the next design to work on. Ms. Daly would like to set goals for what we want to see in the space before reaching out to the CT playground vendors. A discussion was had on the current fence around the toddler area and whether we need to keep it or re-use it.

SCHEDULE MONTHLY MEETING DATES AND TIMES. The group agreed on keeping Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m. for the regular meeting schedule. Ms. Gery will put a schedule together and have them posted with the Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Next meeting: Regular meeting February 16, 2023, 8:45 a.m. – Virtual Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Gery, Director
Parks and Recreation

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