



**TOWN OF DARIEN  
PLAYGROUND WORKING GROUP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 17, 2023  
8:45 A.M. VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

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

Ms. Daly called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2023.**

The Committee reviewed the July 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Zaccaria moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Baldwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION MCGUANE PLAYGROUND**

Ms. Daly stated that the feedback regarding the playground has been generally positive. She emphasized the idea that the playground serves young children and older children. There was brief discussion regarding altering the chains on the swings and adding an interactive panel to the main composite unit which is more ADA accessible. There was brief discussion and overall support of the Lion's Club fence donation.

**DISCUSS TIMELINE FOR CHERRY LAWN PLAYGROUND**

Ms. Gery emphasized the importance of making a design decision by October. There was brief discussion regarding moving to in-person meetings. There was also discussion regarding water play or a splash pad. Ms. Daly expressed hesitancy in adding that feature to Cherry Lawn Park, which is already congested.

**UPDATE AND DISCUSS DESIGNS FOR CHERRY LAWN PLAYGROUND**

The group discussed the ME O'Brien and Burke design options for ages 5-12 playground and Creative Recreation and GameTime options for the ages 2-5 playground. Ms. Daly explained that any changes or suggestions need to be brought to vendor so adjustments can be made and the group can review to make a decision on a finalist for each playground. There was discussion on donating the existing playground and the pros and cons of donating used equipment.

**NEW BUSINESS** No new business.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tamara Eberhardt, Office Administrator, Parks & Recreation

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