



**TOWN OF DARIEN
PLAYGROUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 2023
8:45 A.M. VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

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

Ms. Daly called the meeting to order at 8:48 AM.

UPDATE ON MCGUANE PLAYGROUND. Ms. Gery reported that corner of the playground was hydro-seeded and the grass is coming in nicely. The part we are waiting on for the whirl will be coming in sometime before the end of September or the beginning of October. Ms. Gery also stated that she has never seen the playground this busy in the 8 years she has been working for the town.

Ms. Daly also noted that she would like to get a panel that has a baseball theme to it and asked Mr. Hollerbach if we can put it on the one panel that is blank on the 2-5 year old playscape. Mr. Hollerbach stated that we also could put our P&R logo on it as well.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN HOLLERBACH, CREATIVE RECREATION, ON UPDATED PLAYGROUND DESIGN FOR CHERRY LAWN PARK. Mr. Hollerbach gave a presentation on his proposals for 2-5 year old playground and the 5-12 year old playground. After describing the new unique Extreme Generation playscape, he played a short video on kids using this equipment. He talked about how all equipment goes out to a third party and is tested for safety and complies with the National Standards of Safety. There were various questions from the Playground Working Group members.

DISCUSSION OF FINAL LIST OF VENDORS AND ANY CHANGES TO FINAL DESIGNS. Ms. Gery suggested that we invite each playground vendor to give presentations on their proposals. Ms. Daly suggested that we meet in person at Cherry Lawn so we have a visual of how the playground equipment will look. The group agreed to give ME Obrien, Game Time and Childscapes 30 minutes by zoom to present their proposals at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS, No new business.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Next regular meeting September 14, 2023 8:45 a.m. by way of zoom meeting

Next regular meeting September 28, 2023 8:45 a.m. by way of zoom meeting

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Gery, Director, Parks & Recreation

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