



**TOWN OF DARIEN
PLAYGROUND WORKING GROUP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2023
8:45 A.M. VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

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

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

DISCUSS AVAILABLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OPTIONS AND COLOR SCHEMES

There was a lengthy discussion on the playground design. Ms. Daly reminded the committee members that the updated design has been simplified to meet the \$500,000 budget. She thanked everyone for their feedback and announced that the Parks & Recreation Commission has approved the design to move forward with the project and finalize the options. However, Ms. Bumgardner, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Zaccaria expressed their lack of support for the playground design. In response, Ms. Mulrow-Peattie reminded the group that everyone's opinions were considered throughout the process. She emphasized that consensus does not always guarantee individual preferences but assures that everyone's voice was heard. The Parks & Recreation Commission support the design and it is now time to move forward.

The group then discussed alternative play equipment, and it was decided that Ms. Gery would communicate with the vendor to include it as an add-on option.

DISCUSS TIME-LINE ON ORDERING THE XGENERATION PLAYGROUND
ADJOURNMENT Ms. Daly stated we will have one more meeting on November 30 before we place the order for the playground.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Gery, Director, Darien Parks & Recreation