

## August 2, 2017 Minutes, Playground Committee

Members in attendance: Eric Braunstein, Carl Falco, Daryl Holcomb, Ruth Panella, and Larry Walker

Met inside first in order to determine jobs accomplished (See below). Addressed work to be done from last meeting's list: Daryl, to tighten loose bench in Soldiers Memorial; Ruth, to find out if Civic still has plans to erect a picnic table at the top of the Arden Green. Both items are still to be followed through on. We also individually offered a substantially thorough list of questions and concerns in regard to the issue of lead in the soil. As a result, four members are doing more research (See under "Upcoming work" section). Confirmed that July minutes had been approved by email. We then moved to outside for equipment inspection. Next meeting date: September 6, 2017.

### Work achieved, July 6—August 2, 2017

- two purchase orders submitted for Daryl and Sam Panella
- six benches re-cleaned and painted yellow (Ruth)
- three weakened boards on bench near horses replaced by a non-member (with our thanks to Sam Panella)
- UD Extension Service offered to Larry as source re: lead information (with thanks to Elizabeth Varley)

### Upcoming work (NB: Initial three are left over from previous meetings.)

- bushing repair onto swing set A (yellow one), bay #4; replace "oil-impregnated bronze" bushing on swing set B, (green one), bay # not recorded (Larry)
- check with Civic's Al M. and/or Ed R. regarding proposed picnic table for top of the Arden Green. Mentioned in Civic minutes (Feb. or March 2017) but not included in their report to town meeting in June (Ruth)
- cement-in the loose bench in Soldiers Memorial (Daryl)
- Lead-in-soil topic to be further researched.

Initial source for info: Penn State Extension fact sheet: "Lead in Residential Soils: Sources, Testing, and Reducing Exposure" (<http://extension.psu.edu/plants/crops/esi/lead-in-soil>)

- Insurance recommendation/guidelines via Tom Hornung (Daryl)
- Federal & state regulations; further scanning for reference to topic in 2013+14 minutes (Eric)
- costs, recommendations, and other specifics regarding results to be achieved via UD Extension Service (Carl, Elizabeth Varley may be able to refer you to department or person to contact.)
- playground guidelines re: lead by Boyce Associates; Frank Malone's method of testing on his leasehold; From Jeff Politis, the type of spray paint used when he helped with painting of jungle gym/s (Ruth)
- more mulch for Arden Green's upper-end swing set, jungle gym—2 loads; small amount on terrain slide's base; lower-end's double-humpy, horses, and swing set (amount?) (Larry)
- oiling of play-horses before eventual temporary removal in winter for further maintenance (Larry)
- replenish soil onto bare spots of path to terrain slide; fill-in with more dirt at top of slide (Wooden base was suggested by Al Marks who also said he might install one for us.) (Ruth)

New business Ruth believes that rust on all equipment should be taken on as a piece-by-piece painting project over an extended time for two (or more) members. Any takers?

*Submitted by Ruth P.*