

June 7, 2017 Minutes, Playground Committee

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

Met outside. Confirmed that minutes had been approved via email by Ruth and Carl (only attendees on May 3, 2017). Larry spoke to the topic of safety and liability. Insurance question--as it applies to committee members--was answered by Jeffrey Politis as he walked by on his way to an Advisory meeting. Went over topic of FOIA requirements which include a seven days' prior-posting of committee agenda along with meeting date. Only painting estimate given to Daryl was for \$1000; we all seem to realize from that high estimate that painting will likely fall on us. Daryl and Ruth are willing to begin with the outside of the three concrete tunnels. Budgeted money spent so far: \$940 for mulch for Sherwood Green; \$215 for mulch for Arden Green ; \$70 for DNREC sign and topsoil & seed for mound-slide path (\$1225 total by our committee). All of us did the month's equipment inspection. Carl noted that Holland's mulch is not as good as that of Mr. Mulch Company. Won't be reordering from Holland. Agreed to next meeting date of July 5, 2017, though Larry will be away.

Work achieved , May 3--June 6, 2017

- obsolete materials and equipment removed by Larry to make space in the spring house
- DNREC sign purchased. Installed by Ruth onto back of bulletin board on Arden Green
- swing area on lower end of Arden Green was replete with mushrooms. Twice cleared away by Ruth
- mound path attended to with topsoil and grass seed where plastic base shows through (ongoing)
- Daryl graciously attended Advisory Retreat because Ruth was away
- new batch of mulch delivered to Arden Green; before our adjourning Eric, Carl & Larry (who apparently carries pitch forks and a ladder to committee meetings) spread out most of the mulch
- additional swing installed onto single-bay set at lower end of Arden Green; spaced now for two rather than for three swings (which are no longer acceptable on a single bay)
- Ruth attended Advisory Committee meeting (June 5, 2017)
- Larry continued in reminding us what to note during all-important inspections

New to do (member/s and goal date)

- painting of concrete tunnels by Daryl and Ruth well-prior to start of ACRA summer program
- two riding horses to be temporarily removed for maintenance, by Larry—no date determined
- more soil to fill in sink-holes at edging of mound turf, by Ruth before next meeting
- hospitality table: Carl and Ruth will supply snack foods for town meeting on June 26, 2017
- more mulch to be ordered for upper Arden Green swing set and slide base, by Larry before next meeting. Spreading can be shared by any of us once we know of delivery. Ruth will call to ask for help.
- cleaning of 3 benches (top of the Green) that have mildew. No one volunteered, so a hope x 3.
- bushing to install onto tall swing set's chain connector for 1st swing on right, its left side (when I as observer am facing "The Highway") by Larry as soon as he can get to it. Others may want to learn the repair process, so I intend to notify committee if Larry lets me know when he is ready.
- loose base on bench in grove near labyrinth to determine how to fix—by Daryl when he can do so.

Submitted by Ruth P.

